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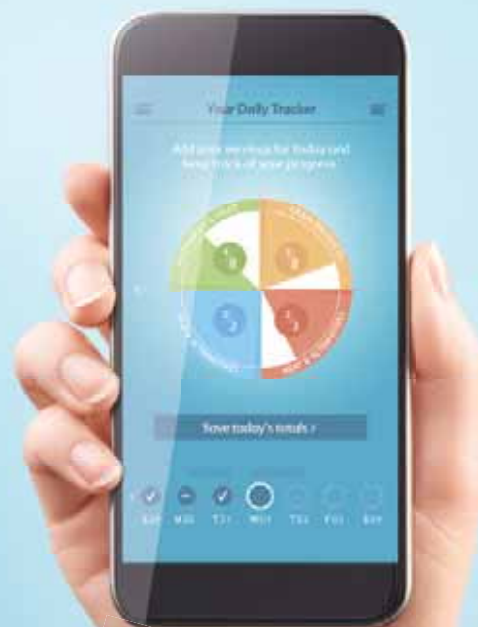
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the letter. Page 6

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The Conservative government's stance on traditional Muslim face-coverings helped spark a selfie movement on Twitter Wednesday. Story, page 17. TWITTER

Praise for Shad comes right on Q

Radio. Some say Jian Ghomeshi's former show could be better than ever once rapper takes the reins in April



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No one knows exactly what Q will be after Shad takes the chair April 20.

But some music insiders and friends of the award-winning rapper say fans of the CBC radio show should be prepared to be impressed.

"He's a curious, interesting, charismatic person. I expect great things," said music writer, Polaris Prize judge and former broadcaster Michael Barclay.

Shad might initially labour in the shadow of the show's now-infamous former host Jian Ghomeshi, but "I think he will be as good, if not better than Jian, in time," Barclay said.

Known for his intelligence, wit and relative modesty as an MC, Shad is a skilled lyricist with full com-



Shad. FRANK GUINN / THE CANADIAN PRESS

mand of the mike on stage, said Seattle hip-hop radio host Jonathan Moore. That will all serve Shad well in his new gig, he said.

"An MC by virtue is a host. He's naturally charismatic, he's a quick study" and a skilled improviser, said Moore, who counts Shad as a personal friend.

Listeners should expect a different kind of conversationalist rather than a Ghomeshi clone, said Gaurav Sawhney, Shad's manager.

"They're hiring Shad for Shad," he said. "I think he's

got a great talent in terms of connecting, being empathetic and compassionate.

"I think that's going to relate and resonate well."

The show will change slightly, featuring more music and a looser structure, the CBC's head of talk radio said. But there won't be a major rebranding, and Barclay said even CBC executives will need to see how Shad's personality shapes the show.

"I don't think even they know what's going to happen," he said.

The CBC is training Shad, and Sawhney said it's going to take "a lot of work to get up to where he wants to be, personally."

"He's hard on himself," he said. "He doesn't take this role lightly."

To bring Q back to its former glory, or even take it beyond that, Shad will have to start landing the big-name guests that made Q famous. That's been missing, Barclay said, from the "rudderless show" that's been churning along in the four months since Ghomeshi was fired, Barclay said.

As for winning over audiences, Shad will need to resonate on both sides of the border, some have said, as one of Ghomeshi's biggest feats was arguably selling Canadian radio in the U.S.

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Gaurav Sawhney, Shad's manager

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From left, Suzy Zaube, Leni Fox and Z Texalek eye the Bike Share racks in Harbour Square Park before taking off to enjoy a mild afternoon on Toronto Island. Wednesday's sunny high reached 6 C and had Torontonians flooding outdoors to enjoy the melting landscape following a particularly harsh winter. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Developers feel neighbourly

Real estate. Toronto residents say they're seeing a trend toward more community-minded projects



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Greedy developers vs. NIMBY residents: It's a tale as old as Toronto. But there are signs the eternal struggle is heading toward a truce.

Whether it's the redevelopment of Honest Ed's — which promises 1,000 rental units, pedestrian spaces

and amenities ranging from daycare to bike repair — or a Leslieville condo that incorporates the Red Door family shelter, developers appear more willing to listen to the communities they're building in.

As a result, residents are moving away from the idea that the best development is none at all.

"We like to describe ourselves as YIMBYs. 'Yes in my backyard', but you've got to work with us," said David Harrison, chairman of the Annex Residents Association.

Harrison said he's still "fairly cynical" about developers, but is buoyed by proposals such as the one recently made public for

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"There's an awareness now among developers that they have to meet some of the objectives of city building."

Gregg Lintern, Toronto's director of community planning

Mirvish Village.

"Some developers are better than others," he said. "The guys developing the Honest Ed's site have been working diligently with the community for a year and a half."

As Toronto's low-vacancy rate (1.6 per cent in 2014) incentivizes the construction of rental housing, Harrison said he believes developers may opt for more community-minded projects.

"With rental, you have a future with the development. You can't just sell it and walk away in a year," he said.

John Caliendo of the ABC Residents Association in Yorkville agrees that developers are becoming more collaborative. He actually credits Rob Ford for the change — though it's more about what the former mayor didn't do than what he did.

"Ford's lack of interest in planning issues re-emboldened the city's planning department," Caliendo said. "They weren't intimidated the way they were under the old regime."

A proactive planning department, coupled with increasing property costs and changes at the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), has made developers more averse to risk, Caliendo said. Rather than duke it out at the OMB, they're offering concessions in exchange for the height and density needed to turn a profit.

"Whether they want to be nicer or not, they're being obliged to be more forthright," Caliendo said.

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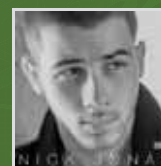
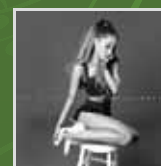
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Some classes resume at York U as strike continues

Education. Students left with a decision: cross the picket line or keep up with their courses from home



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Some classes were back in session Wednesday at York University for the first time since a strike began more than a week ago.

And students were left with a big decision: cross the picket line or attempt to keep up with their classes from home.

Students have been facing the same choice at the University of Toronto. Classes have continued despite the absence of teaching assistants.

At a glance

- At York, after contract teachers ratified their collective agreement Monday — and graduate students working as teaching assistants and graduate assistants rejected theirs — the administration decided to resume classes Wednesday in engineering, business, nursing, administrative studies and human-resources management.
- At the University of Toronto, there are still no signs of a return to the bargaining table.
- Parents and caregivers from the striking unions at both schools had a rally at Queen's Park on Wednesday highlighting the difficulties they're facing, trying to make ends meet while raising a family.

Both schools have policies that say students can refuse to cross the picket lines and, while students have to keep up with their classwork, instructors must make accommodations so students can work from home.

Riley McCullough, an undergraduate and vice-president of university af-

fairs at the U of T students' union, said a lot of students are doing that now.

"My teachers are very understanding that if you don't want to go to class because of the strike, that's fine; they're just going to put notes up online for students who want to support CUPE and not go to class," she said.



Striking York University workers were joined Wednesday on the picket line by many undergraduates who support their cause. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

She said she feels lucky that her professors have been supportive and that

they've been having discussions about the strike in classes.

Development

Tower planned for Yonge and Bloor

Developer Sam Mizrahi is proposing an 80-storey tower mixing upscale condo units and retail at the iconic intersection of Yonge and Bloor streets.

Mizrahi told Torstar News Service on Wednesday that he is unveiling his vision for the former Stollerys store and adjacent lands on the intersection's southwest corner.

"It will be built by Foster + Partners of London and have PATH connections to both the Bloor and Yonge (subway) lines and a very significant public realm to enhance the pedestrian experience," Mizrahi said.

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Vote. Council raises water, garbage collection rates

After approving an 8 per cent water rate increase, council voted Wednesday for a 3 per cent increase for garbage collection, while reducing the single family residential rebates for waste bins, effective April 1.

Single families will pay an annual fee of \$237.64 for a small bin, \$288.49 for a medium and \$391.80 for a large bin.

Overall, the fees have jumped 58 per cent.

Politicians who supported the rate increases admit the increase was necessary to keep property taxes at or below the rate of inflation.

"You could call fees an indirect taxation, whether they're based primarily on the user, that is the way that cities function," said Councillor James Pasternak, a member of the budget committee.

"That is very steep, and that is going to be very hard on many homeowners." Council will review it in a year, he said.

But Toronto residents also have the lowest property taxes in the GTA, he added.

Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong

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"There are costs being spread in other ways to accommodate the additional costs to provide additional services."

Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong

nan-Wong called the 50 cent a week increase "modest," and that the money taken out of rebate is being used to fund other projects.

"Waste diversion is expensive, organic processing is over \$100 a ton, and the costs are going up."

He agreed it is a disingenuous to say council has kept taxes at the rate of inflation while dinging residents with higher fees.

The cost of garbage collection will continue to increase because the city and its residents want to encourage more waste diversion, which is expensive, he said.

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North York

More than 50 cars broken into: Police

A thief or thieves broke into more than 50 cars in the past two days in the Van Horne Avenue and Don Mills Road area in North York, say police.

Police have identified 36 cars that were broken into

Wednesday at a parking garage at 335 Van Horne Ave., in addition to 16 nearby vehicle that were burgled Tuesday.

Valuables were taken from many of the cars, police said.

Security camera footage is currently being reviewed, and police have a suspect on video. Forensics are being used to track the suspect down. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



The Toronto city logo captured on camera downtown on Wednesday. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

News from the font

Branding. With a Dutch city commissioning a new typeface, we talk with expert on what Toronto's lettering says about our city



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Toronto is a practical, no-nonsense place with a fondness for scrappiness and throwbacks to its own civic history.

That's what signage around the city tells us, at least. Not in words, per se, but in the chosen fonts.

Fonts give extra meaning to words, said Brain Morgan, art director at The Walrus and owner of graphic design firm Frenchfold. They acquire connotations over time, but they change as they become used in different ways.

The Dutch city of Eindhoven is dealing with that right now and grabbing headlines as it does so. The city's commissioned a new typeface that reflects its economic shift from old industry to modern

startups, The Guardian recently reported.

Toronto's official font, as seen on its civic logo, is practical and no-nonsense, Morgan said. It references a '70s or '80s modernism along with a kind of 19th century sans-serif face called grotesques.

It's not "poetic or fun or beloved," Morgan said. "It's there to get the job done."

Toronto's better-known font, however, is the one used for subway station names sprawled across ceramic-tiled walls. No one knows who designed what's officially known as the Toronto Sub-

way font, but a local graphic designer made it a fully useable, digital font based on photos and rubbings he did of the walls, in order to preserve it.

It's still used by the TTC today, and it's well liked, Morgan noted.

"The face has some awkward aspects, but over time, of course, we've grown to see what were kind of mistakes as marks of character," he said. "If it was perfect it wouldn't seem so lovable — it's like a puppy who chews furniture, as what could be 'bad' can also be seen as sort of scrappy."



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A recent court decision saw the ex-employee of an Ontario-based drilling company forced to pay his former employer \$56,000 for quitting without notice. It sends a message to

every employee, says Brandon Hillis, a lawyer with Borden Ladner Gervais' Labour and Employment Group.

"It's a firm reminder that as an employee, you can't just up and leave and expect there to be no consequences at all," Hillis said. "The courts are willing to award damages to employers when they incur some costs as a consequence of a resignation."

Many people don't realize

that giving notice isn't merely a courtesy, it's actually the law. In this case, the employee, Peter Walker was the representative of his company in British Columbia and when he quit without notice, by polite letter, the company had to fly someone in to replace him.

The court ordered the company, Consbec, be compensated for those expenses, which turned out to be three-quarters of Walker's yearly salary.

The amount of notice you have to give may be in your contract, but if it isn't, the standard two weeks may not be enough if your role is significant within the company, he said.

"The key take away for employees is it might feel good to tell your employer, 'I'm quitting, so long, I'm out the door right now,' but this case (shows) it's important to remember there may be consequences," he said.



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Hydro One. Ontarians are being extorted: Marin

Ombudsman André Marin has accused Hydro One of "extortion" for sending out letters threatening to cut off electricity to its customers this winter.

In his ongoing investigation of the provincial agency's billing debacle, Marin issued an interim report on Wednesday that lambasted Hydro One for trying to "bully" customers into paying their bills — many of which had them inaccurately owing thousands of dollars.

"Over the past few months, during one of the coldest winters in memory, Hydro One has been threatening to cut off people's power for unpaid bills," he told a news conference at Queen's Park.

Marin said when pressed, Hydro One officials described it as an idle threat, but he said what it amounts to is "extortion." Hydro One has a policy against cutting off customers' power in winter.

"One father, of a newborn and a six-year-old near London, called us in a panic because Hydro One sent him a disconnection notice on Valentine's Day — remember how cold it was then? They demanded that he pay his \$3,200 bill right away. We received almost 100 complaints this winter from people

in similar situations," he said.

For more than a year now Marin's office has been investigating over 10,000 complaints about Hydro One's billing practices and customer relations.

"Some of them are frankly shocking. We've seen absurdly high bills and atrocious customer service. We've seen astounding errors over and over again — people charged \$10,000, even \$20,000 at a time, when what they really owe is closer to \$100," the ombudsman said.

Marin said the "tactics" they're using with its customers clearly illustrated it has forgotten that it is a public servant.

Hydro One issued a statement following Marin's news conference saying, "significant improvements have been made since the implementation of the company's new customer information system in May 2013" and vowed that customers with incorrect bills will not receive disconnection notices.

"We have come a long way. In the past year we have restored service levels at our call centre and performance of our billing system to levels higher than before the transition to our new ... system," said Carm Marcello, president and CEO, Hydro One. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Crime

Police seek public aid in identifying robbery suspects

Toronto police are asking for the public's help identifying suspects in two bank robbery investigations.

At 12:35 p.m. on Feb. 14, a man approached a teller at a bank in the Keele Street and Grandravine Drive area. He demanded cash and then fled with an unknown quantity, police said.

The man is described as black and six feet tall, with a beard and moustache. He was last seen wearing sunglasses,

a blue coat and dark tuque.

Police are also investigating a bank robbery on March 4 in the Dundas Street West and Bay Street area. A man demanded cash and threatened to start shooting.

Police said he entered the bank at about 7:50 p.m., later fleeing east on Dundas with cash and the robbery note.

Thast man is described as black, between 30 and 40 years old, five-foot-seven and unshaven, wearing plastic-framed glasses, a black jacket and tuque.

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Sexual orientation treatment subject of NDP member's bill

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Parkdale-High Park
MPP Cheri DiNovo's bill
would delist therapies
undermining sexual
identity from OHIP



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Not only does conversion therapy — a therapeutic attempt to turn gay people straight and trans people cisgender — still exist in Toronto, it's funded by taxpayers.

"Isn't it shocking?" asked Cheri DiNovo, NDP MPP for Parkdale-High Park. "And it's covered by OHIP."

DiNovo introduced a private member's bill Wednesday that would delist from OHIP any therapists who change or direct the sexual

orientation or the gender identity of patients, and make it illegal for them to give that kind of therapy to anyone under age 18.

Efforts to "cure homosexuality" have long been discredited and were declared unethical by the American Psychiatric Association more than a decade ago, she said.

Hamiltonian Erika Muse received OHIP-funded therapy between the ages of 16 and 23 in Toronto, from a psychologist who tried to convince her that she isn't trans and should be male.

"It was never really therapeutic," she said. "He was fixated on this idea that there were certain things I wasn't manly enough about and if those things were fixed then my trans identity would go away."

Instead of helping, it hurt and made her feel wrong and broken, she said. "It's basically throwing a bomb into



NDP MPP Cheri DiNovo, right. COURTESY OF ANDREA HOUSTON

mental health."

Muse said she decided to speak up because the therapy

that was so damaging to her is still happening. Her former doctor is still practising.

Muse said her former doctor is one of the only in Toronto who practices conversion therapy on trans youth, but there are many more who give conversion therapy to gay, lesbian and bisexual youth.

"I want to make sure that doesn't happen to anyone else in Ontario if I can, whether they're trans, gay, lesbian, bi, whatever. They all deserve to grow up well," she said. "If you think about college and high school, these are the best years in your life. I spent those years in bed crying because of the terrible care I was given. I didn't get to be myself."

Ontario is known internationally for this kind of therapy, said Muse.

"The things that were done to me and other trans youth here have actually been used to set up practices in the United States and around the world."

Captain John's heads back to court

Captain John's Restaurant is sailing back into court March 17 as Ports Toronto seeks approval to find a new buyer and get the rusting relic towed away before summer.

The agency will ask the Federal Court for approval to put the 300-foot ship — the Jadran — up for sale and begin tours with potential buyers at the end of March.

"Our priority is to make sure the ship is removed and removed safely and these requirements will help ensure that," said Ports Toronto spokeswoman Erin Mikaluk.

Any bids will require a detailed plan for how the former floating restaurant, shut down in 2012, will be towed out of its slip at the foot of Yonge Street by May 11. They also must ensure there are environmental safeguards in place for what is expected to be a highly risky move, and that it will be taken to an approved destination. Inspections have pointed to evidence of asbestos and other toxins, including lead paint, on board. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



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Engineering students go hungry to feed textbook needs: Report

The Hunger Report.

More than 2,500 used Ryerson food bank in 2013-14 and number is up 20 per cent this year, co-author says



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The amount students pay in tuition may very well have a direct impact on their ability to afford food, according to a Ryerson University study.

The study explored who's using the university's on-campus food bank, finding that engineering students made up the bulk of clientele last school year.

Students in the faculty of engineering and architectural science at Ryerson pay the

highest tuition on campus, upwards of \$10,000 a year. About 30 per cent of campus food bank users are from that faculty, the study showed.

"It really surprised us," said Andrew Silverthorn, co-author of The Hunger Report. "There's often a stereotype that engineering students come from very wealthy families. This kind of dispels that."

Silverthorn added that engineering programs are "very intense," taking away students' ability to work part-time jobs to sustain their finances.

The report showed more than 2,500 people visited the food bank in 2013-14, receiving non-perishable items and fresh produce. The number is on the rise with an increase of 20 per cent so far this year, Silverthorn said.

It's a reflection of how the cost of being a student has



Third-year social work student Andrew Silverthorn has worked at Ryerson's food bank for three years. CONTRIBUTED

increased, he said. Factoring in the costs of transportation, rent, food and other expenses, the report showed a student depending on a government loan faces an average shortfall

of about \$1,500 each year.

"When you are choosing between textbooks and food, it gets really tough," Silverthorn said.

Leaders of the study hope

the report will help start a dialogue about food insecurity among students and shape the government's opinion on tuition fees and allocation of loans.

Hunger Report highlights:

- 2,582: Visits made to the centre for emergency food relief last school year.
- 422: Ryerson community members who experienced food insecurity and registered for food assistance.
- 52 per cent of users are female, 47.5 per cent are male and 0.5 per cent identified as trans-gender.
- 50 per cent of users are 21 to 28 years old.
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GO bus 'quiet zones' a possibility

Metrolinx. Company exploring the idea of making front of vehicles silent areas to mirror GO train service

How do you turn the tight quarters of a GO Transit bus into a Zen-like space?

Metrolinx acknowledges it doesn't have the answer as it explores the idea of designating on-board "quiet zones." The project is in the feasibility stage, meaning pretty much everything is up for discussion.

But, agency spokeswoman Anne Marie Aikens swears, "it's not impossible."

"For example, you could make the front half of the bus a quiet zone," she said, noting that "all that needs to be thought through carefully."

Portions of all GO trains have been designated quiet zones during the morning and afternoon rush hours

since 2013. Since the trains have two levels, keeping texters, talkers and friendly commuters apart from others isn't all that difficult.

Most GO buses, however, are only level and a mere 14 metres long — which doesn't leave a lot of room for soundproofing by separation.

Jasmine Vallve commutes to downtown Toronto from Hamilton every day, and knows the inside of GO buses well.

Quiet zones, the University of Toronto student said, are "a good idea."

"I can also see the challenges of implementation," she said. "If it was going to be at the front of the bus, sound would still carry to the back of the bus. So the whole bus would have to be quiet."

Sometimes during rush hour, Vallve's bus trip can take about two hours one way. So, she'd prefer a quiet atmosphere for time to catch up with readings and assignments.

Suzette Maxwell-Pember-



Shhhh. The hustle and bustle of commuting by bus could soon be silenced for some GO riders. DEBORAH HERNANDEZ/METRO

ton commutes downtown to work from Milton via a bus ride that usually takes about 40 minutes one way.

She said quiet zones during a commute would be important for her because,

sometimes, the commute is the only time she has to herself all day.

"You want that quiet zone to get your thoughts together," she said. "You don't need to be bombarded

by other people.

"You want to have one moment to yourself where you watch the scenery or enjoy a quiet ride before all hell breaks loose at work."

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Unsolved. Police seek help naming remains

Ten months after human remains were discovered near Cherry Beach, police are asking the public's help in identifying the body.

Around 1 p.m. on May 13, 2014, police responded to a suspicious incident at 200 Unwin Ave. They found a man, who appeared to have been dead for some time, inside a green and grey Coleman tent.

Police found nothing suspicious about the death. However, the man did not have any identification on him, and an autopsy did not provide any help in identifying him. According to a profile done by a forensic pathologist, the man was black, between 32 and 54 years old, and five feet 10 inches to six feet four inches. They believe he had short, curly black hair.

The man was wearing a Tyvek disposable suit, police said. Anyone with information can reach police at 416-808-5104 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-8477. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Investigates

Dwight Drummond for CBC News



Roofing job made kids sick: Parents

Public health. Hot asphalt was spread on Etobicoke school's roof during class time

Students at an Etobicoke school suffered burning throats, nausea and aggravated asthma, their parents say, after the Toronto District School Board allowed the spread of hot asphalt on the school's roof during class time.

At Lambton-Kingsway Junior-Middle School, where the work was being done, the asphalt was being heated in a kettle next to a door where students arrived by bus Friday morning.

A roofing supervisor at the site told Torstar News Service that door was open for 15 minutes as buses arrived, which explained how some of the fumes got into the school.

The TDSB said the work is part of a city-wide plan to fix

School claims

"I could taste it in my mouth for the rest of the day."

Mother of student at Lambton-Kingsway Junior-Middle School, who visited it after roofing work was done

the roofs of about 600 schools over a three-year period and the vast majority of schools have had no problems.

The board says protocols are followed to minimize risk, parents are warned of potential temporary health effects, and the sheer number of schools means some work must take place while kids are in classes.

Torstar News Service spoke with parents who said their children came home pale and complaining of stomach aches and sore throats.

In one case, a parent said her daughter, who has asthma, was coughing late into the night.

Another mother told the Star her daughter, who is allergic to preservatives and sensitive to chemicals, vomited every 30 minutes for more than a day. On Friday, after work began, the principal sent an email to parents reporting a strong smell had filled the building and was being addressed.

Most parents asked not to be named to avoid conflicts at the school. Some kept their children out of class on Monday. The work has been put on hold until the March break.

Toronto Public Health inspected the building on Saturday after parents called the city. The health agency said that inside, an inspector noted "strong odours from the kettle and that the air quality in some rooms was causing eye irritation," and "advised" the TDSB to stop work. The board said the air was tested on Sunday and Monday and is safe.

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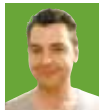
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Music photographers play a strong but silent role in musical mythmaking.

Rock's greatest images — Hendrix burning his guitar, the Beatles landing in America — defined each artist's public image.

Capturing that kind of moment is the high watermark in any photographer's career. It's almost certainly a goal for the shooters who entered this year's Sound Image photo exhibition and contest at Analogue Gallery.

Photography "is about capturing that special moment in time," says Gaby Henderson, TV host and one of this year's judges.

Prizes

This is Sound Image's fourth year, giving music photographers, both experienced and amateur, a chance to show off their best pictures in a gallery setting.

- A People's Choice award will be determined via a Facebook vote.
- The grand prize includes tickets to Field Trip, Wayhome and TURF music festivals, as well as Uber credit.

Henderson's photography experience comes more from the fashion world (she interned at Fashion Television). But, she says, fashion and music have a long relationship dating back to rock's earliest days.

"Right now I have the Rolling Stone with Madonna on the cover on my desk. It could just as easily be Vogue," she says. "A good photo is a good photo."

Photographing an artist



Photographer Vanessa Heins entered this picture of Hawksley Workman backstage into Analogue Gallery's fourth annual Sound Image photo exhibition and contest. CONTRIBUTED

sometimes requires the photographer to break through an image. Artists often intentionally create a public persona to shield their private one from the masses. Be it live on stage, or in a private studio session, photographers need to look for the moment when a musician

drops their guard and reveals who they really are.

That's a skill that can't be taught says Jess Baumung, who won last year's Sound Image competition.

"We're all in the same place, with the same camera, shooting the same band. Who has the natural instinct

to capture the right moment?"

In a photo session with Drake for the cover of Billboard magazine, the editors wanted a picture of Drizzy smiling.

Drake, acutely aware of his image as a "soft" rapper, didn't want to.

Analysis

This year's judges

Gaby Henderson: Much and M3 TV host and personality.

Brendan Canning: Founding member of Broken Social Scene and solo artist.

Lucia Graca: Owner of Analogue Gallery and music photographer in her own right.

Roz Weston and Katherine Holland: Kiss 92.5 FM morning host and his fashion photog partner.

"He hates that everyone wants him smiling in photos," says Baumung. "I try and just work around the person to get them to let their guard down."

The Sound Image Photo Exhibition and Contest runs Thursday to March 29 at Analogue Gallery (673 Queen St. W.). There's an opening night party from 6 to 10 p.m.

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Military pallbearers from the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command carry the flag-draped casket of Sgt. Andrew Joseph Doiron on Tuesday, at Canadian Forces Base Trenton in Trenton, Ont. Doiron was killed in a friendly fire incident in Iraq last Friday. LARS HAGBERG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Iraq troop deployment will not grow: Minister

Military. Government says it has no plans to send more troops, but mum on if mission profile could change

The Harper government isn't planning to increase the size of its special forces contingent in northern Iraq if Canada's combat mission in the country is extended, Defence Minister Jason Kenney said Wednesday.

There has been flurry of speculation about how the deployment might be restruc-

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"We certainly have no intention of increasing the number of SOF (special operations forces) operators."

Defence Minister Jason Kenney, in the Commons defence committee

tured as the war against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant evolves and local forces conduct further offensives to drive extremists out of the country.

Kenney may have been able to rule out more troops, but he was more circumspect

about whether the scope of operations — limited so far to advising and assisting Kurdish peshmerga forces — will change.

"The government has not yet taken a final decision on potential renewal or extension of the mission, and so I'll have to ask the member to wait until that decision is taken and we will certainly report it to Parliament in the form of a motion," Kenney said in answer to a question from NDP defence critic Jack Harris.

His remarks come less than a week after the death of Sgt. Andrew Doiron in a friendly fire incident. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Alleged Toronto terror plot targets U.S. consulate, financial district

A Pakistani man Canadian authorities suspect of plotting to blow up the U.S. consulate and buildings in Toronto's financial district and videotape the attacks was ordered kept in custody on Wednesday pending deportation.

Jahanzeb Malik, who came to Canada as a student in 2004, was ordered detained on "security grounds" following a hearing before the Immigration and Refugee Board.

The Canada Border Services Agency arrested Malik, 33, on Monday in Toronto, after a lengthy investigation by Canadian security and

anti-terrorism personnel, Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney said in Ottawa.

At the hearing Wednesday, a lawyer for the immigration minister said an undercover RCMP officer befriended Malik.

"Malik attempted to radicalize the undercover officer by showing him videos apparently of (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) beheadings," Jessica Lourenco alleged. "He told the undercover officer about his plan to build remote-controlled bombs to blow up the U.S. consulate and other buildings in the financial district of Toronto."

Lawrence accused Malik, who has travelled frequently between Canada and Pakistan, of planning to videotape the bombings to encourage others to carry out similar attacks.

Canadian authorities allege Malik to be a self-proclaimed supporter of ISIL who also claims to be a "personal friend" of American Anwar Al-Awlaki, a top-ranking member of the terrorist organization al-Qaida who was killed in Yemen by a U.S. drone strike.

They also say he has taken "weapons, combat and landmine training" in Libya. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Alberta MLA faces bribery allegation

Edmonton.

Sworn statements make claims about PC incumbent

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The Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta is investigating irregularities in the nomination process of an Edmonton constituency amid allegations that the incumbent MLA attempted to mislead a challenger's supporters and offer a bribe through a proxy in order to undermine the challenger's campaign.

On Monday, Metro confirmed an ongoing probe by the PCAA into the nomination process in Edmonton-Ellerslie, currently held by Naresh Bhardwaj.

Metro made repeated attempts to contact Bhardwaj, the associate minister for persons with disabilities, including asking him in person at the Alberta Legislature Wednesday to respond and supplying him

with a written list of questions regarding the allegations, but he would only say: "I think anything related to the nomination should be directed to Kelly Charlebois." Charlebois is the PC party's executive director.

The allegations against Bhardwaj stem from Edmonton-Ellerslie challenger Balraj Manhas' claim that he was called just days before the Feb. 21 nomination ballot and told by riding committee representatives to withdraw or be publicly disqualified on the basis that his nomination papers were invalid.

Metro has spoken to two of Manhas' supporters and received copies of their notarized statements. They claim Bhardwaj or others acting on his behalf attempted to have them sign pre-drafted affidavits claiming their names had improperly appeared on the challenger's nomination papers.

In one instance, Balbir Sidhu claims he was offered a \$10,000 bribe paid either in Canada or in India by others working on Bhardwaj's behalf

in exchange for claiming his signature and those of other family members should not have been on Manhas' papers.

Sidhu said he outright refused.

"I thought, 'Why would he do this?'" Sidhu said in an interview Tuesday. "Whatever the public wants for this area is supposed to be what happens."

Bhardwaj remained in a nearby car while the conversation with the proxy took place, Sidhu said.

In the other instance, Bilal Ali claims his family was approached late at night by three men, including Bhardwaj, and told to sign a document that he initially believed was to confirm their support for Manhas. It was only later, Ali said Tuesday, that he realized his signature was being used to run Manhas out of the race.

Ali said in an interview that three other members of his family had also supported Manhas and all signed the document allegedly offered by Bhardwaj.

None of the aforementioned allegations have been proven.

PC party representatives refused to delve into the specifics of their ongoing investigation Tuesday and again Wednesday, even after being informed of Metro's possession of the documents.

A spokesperson said Wednesday the party "confirms that there are many layers to this investigation" but declined to speak in further detail.

Instead, the party referred to comments made Monday when Metro first reported about potential issues with the nomination race.

At that time, Charlebois would only say that the party was looking into the race.

"The whole matter is still considered under review by the party," he said.

Sidhu, meanwhile, said he hopes for a fulsome investigation.

In his sworn statement, he directly addressed Premier Jim Prentice.

"For God Sake Jim, please save Alberta from such corrupt inducements or bribes to kill party soul of fairness," Sidhu wrote.



Edmonton-Ellerslie PC MLA Naresh Bhardwaj is seen in this file photo.
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Treasury board president, others defend niqab ban



Treasury Board President Tony Clement THE CANADIAN PRESS

Politics. Tony Clement says garment shouldn't be worn at citizenship ceremonies but OK in other spheres of life

Federal Conservatives scrambled Wednesday to clarify that their aversion to Muslim women wearing the niqab applies strictly to citizenship ceremonies.

But they struggled to explain why wearing the face-covering veil is no big deal in other spheres of life, including the federal public service, if — as Prime Minister Stephen Harper maintains — it's contrary to Canadian values and "rooted in a culture that is anti-women."

"That is what the prime minister said and that is a point of view that one can hold," said Treasury Board President Tony Clement, who is responsible for federal civil service. "That doesn't mean that you can

impose that view in the workplace or in the private sphere."

Transport Minister Lisa Raitt, who described herself as a "strong feminist," admitted she's given no thought to the issue of wearing niqabs in venues other than citizenship ceremonies.

Others cast the issue strictly as a matter of requiring would-be citizens to identify themselves when taking the oath.

The scramble to clarify came amid a social-media backlash to Harper's comments and escalating opposition charges that the Conservatives are deliberately stoking prejudice against Muslim Canadians in their bid to ramp up fear about radical Islamist terrorism.

Clement said that Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, who gave a speech Monday denouncing what he dubbed Harper's "politics of fear," is the one expanding the issue beyond just niqabs at citizenship ceremonies.

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PM Harper slammed on social media

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Twitter users across the country took Prime Minister Stephen Harper to task Wednesday over what they call his government's inconsistent position on the niqab.

Harper and members of his cabinet have said the traditional Muslim face-covering veil shouldn't be worn during citizenship ceremonies but is OK in other instances, such as in the workplace.

Twitter users, often wearing veils themselves, used selfies to ask Harper if their outfits were "PM-approved."

• @Amnamaq: Stephen Harper forgive me for I have sinned, I dressed without your consent this morning #DressCodePM #Doyouapprove

• @geekylonglegs: do

you like how my hijab matches my mug of your male tears? stop telling women how to dress @pmharper #dresscodePM

• @AndrewTumilty:

@pmharper when my daughter covers her face, do I need to report her to someone in your office? #DressCodePM

• @popoffculture: Telling women what to wear is no different than telling us what we can or cannot do with our bodies. #dresscodePM

• @ryanknighton: Raining in Vancouver today. My eight-year-old daughter doesn't want to wear her rain coat. Please legislate. #dresscodePM

• @RubaAlHassani: Last week, a nun & I sat next to each other on a Greyhound bus, dressed similarly. Were we both committing a fashion faux-pas? #dresscodePM

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Ferguson. Embattled police chief resigns

The police chief in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson, Mo., resigned Wednesday in the wake of a scathing Justice Department report prompted by the fatal shooting of an unarmed black 18-year-old by a white police officer.

A city official with knowledge of the situation said Thomas Jackson submitted his resignation letter but the date it will be effective was still being worked out. The official asked not to be identified.

"I believe this is the appropriate thing to do at this

time," Jackson told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "This city needs to move forward without any distractions."

The U.S. Department of Justice last week issued a report that cleared Officer Darren Wilson of civil rights charges in the shooting, but found a profit-driven court system and widespread racial bias in the city's police department.

Since then, two police officers, a court clerk, the municipal judge and the city manager have been fired or resigned. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

France

Highway jewel heist worth millions

About 15 gunmen ambushed two vans carrying jewels worth millions on a French highway in the dead of night, ejecting their drivers and speeding off into the Burgundy countryside.

police said. It was the latest of several big jewelry heists in France.

The assailants and the jewels remained missing Wednesday evening, even after gendarmes and other authorities spent hours combing the forests and towns southeast of Paris around the scene of the overnight attack.

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Berlusconi cleared of underage sex charges



Former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi waves to supporters as he arrives at his residence of Palazzo Grazioli in Rome, Wednesday.

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Acquittal upheld.

Embattled former Italian prime minister to return to his political party despite a six-year ban on holding elected office

Former Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi savoured his court victory in the infamous "bunga bunga" case Wednesday by plunging headfirst into

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"I'm back with Forza Italia ... to build a better, more just and free Italy."

Former Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi won't stay out of politics long following his exoneration of allegations of underage sex and an associated coverup.

politics, saying he's working for a better Italy even though he remains barred from public office.

Tuesday, Italy's highest court confirmed Berlusconi's acquittal on charges he paid an underage Moroccan prostitute for sex and then used his influence to cover it up.

The ruling closed an embarrassing chapter for the billionaire media mogul, exposing the raunchy parties at his Milan mansion, complete with showgirl stripteases and wads of cash paid to guests in envelopes at the end of each party.

In a statement Wednesday, Berlusconi cheered the decision but expressed bitterness "for a case that did a lot of damage not just to me, my family and other innocent people, but to all Italians, our public life and the image of our country in the world."

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Helpful animals have a nose for explosives work

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Animals' sharp senses can keep them and human handlers alive in minefields

Humans have looked to a variety of animals to help detect explosives.

Research in South Africa showing that elephants can identify explosives by smell follows a long tradition of such experiments.

Dogs are commonly used to sniff out explosives, contraband and other illegal items. A group called APOPO had such good results with trained rats that it has deployed them to detect mines in Angola and Mozambique and uses them in Tanzania to screen people for tuberculosis by evaluating sputum samples.

The U.S. military is a major funder of the elephant research.

"There's never an intention



In this photo taken in June 2013, an elephant called Chishuru is rewarded by David, left, on the target mat for having completely a successful scent trial as colleague Sugar sits on top, in Bela-Bela, north of Pretoria, South Africa.

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that we're going to use elephants on the battlefield," said Stephen Lee, head scientist at the U.S. Army Research Office. The goal, he added, is to learn how an elephant smells and incorporate that knowledge into electronic sensors.

Some animals have turned minefields into "de facto wildlife preserves," mostly avoiding mines in areas where people fear to tread, commentator Michael Moore wrote in January in his blog,

Landmines in Africa. He cited leopards on the border between Iran and Iraq, which fought in the 1980s; penguins in the Falkland Islands, where Britain fought Argentina in 1982; and wolves in the Golan Heights between Israel and Syria.

"Landmines do not protect habitats, merely demonstrate the importance of guaranteeing safe and secure habitats for all species," Moore wrote.

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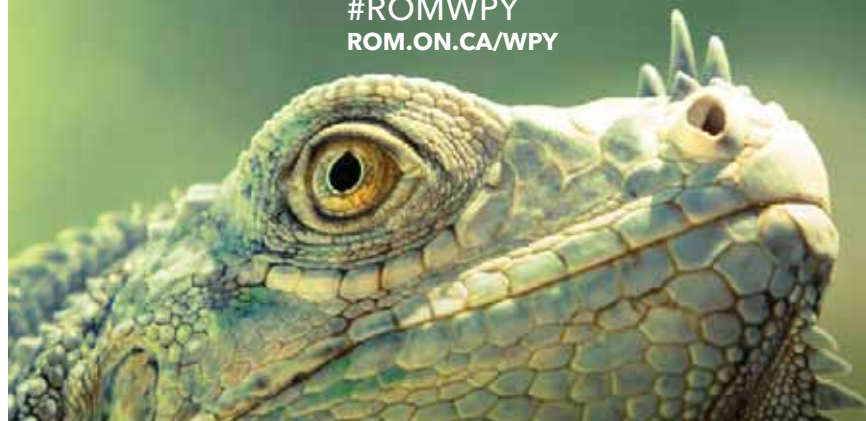
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Ferguson. Chief resigns after scathing report

The police chief in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson resigned Wednesday in the wake of a scathing Justice Department report prompted by the fatal shooting of an unarmed black 18-year-old by a white police officer.

The city said in a statement that it reached a mutual separation agreement with Chief Thomas Jackson, who will get a severance payment and health insurance for a year. Lt. Col. Al Eickhoff will become acting chief March 19 while the city searches for a replacement.

Jackson had previously resisted calls by protesters and some of Missouri's top elected leaders to step down over his handling of the August shooting of Michael Brown and the weeks of sometimes-violent protests that followed.

Jackson becomes the sixth employee to resign or be fired after the U.S. Department of Justice last week issued a report that cleared Officer Darren Wilson of civil rights charges in the shooting, but found a profit-driven court system

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"I believe this is the appropriate thing to do at this time. This city needs to move forward without any distractions."

Ferguson Police Chief Thomas Jackson, on his resignation

and widespread racial bias in the city's police department.

Jackson oversaw the Ferguson force for nearly five years before the shooting that stirred months of unrest across St. Louis and drew global attention to the predominantly black city of 21,000.

His handling of the situation drew wide criticism from the outset, both for the aggressive police response to protesters and for his agency's erratic and infrequent releases of key information. Attorney General Chris Koster and U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill were among those working behind the scenes to get him to resign.

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In this still image taken from video, a soldier fires from behind a building in Tikrit, Iraq, on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iraqi soldiers sweep into ISIL-held Tikrit

Iraq. Allied militiamen breach one of extremists' key strongholds

Iraqi soldiers and allied Shiite militiamen launched a two-front offensive in the ISIL-held city of Tikrit on Wednesday to squeeze extremists out of Saddam Hussein's hometown in a major test of the troops' resolve.

Explosions and heavy gunfire echoed through Tikrit, a key way station for Iraqi forces trying to expel the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, who

hold roughly a third of the country and neighbouring Syria. The offensive also will serve as a major crucible for Iraqi forces, which collapsed under the extremists' initial offensive last year and now face street-by-street fighting in one of ISIL's biggest strongholds.

Allied Iraqi forces first entered the city through its northern Qadisiyya neighbourhood, according to video obtained by The Associated Press. Overhead, an attack helicopter fired missiles as soldiers and militiamen laid down heavy machine-gunfire in the neighbourhood's dusty

streets as downtown Tikrit loomed in the distance, black smoke rising overhead.

Authorities offered no immediate casualty figures, though Iran's state-run Press TV satellite channel reported that a mortar attack wounded one of its cameramen there.

Later Wednesday, allied forces also swept into Tikrit from the south in a pincer movement to squeeze out militants, though some suggested many already fled in the face of the advance, code named "At your service, prophet of Allah."

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Strategic move

- Taking Tikrit would open a supply line for a future operation to besiege Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city that remains under ISIL control.
- U.S. military officials have said a mission to retake Mosul likely will begin in April or May and involve up to 25,000 Iraqi troops. But the Americans have cautioned the offensive could be delayed.

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In addition to paying the penalty, Florida-based Consolidated Travel Holdings Group Inc. has agreed to stop making unsolicited telemarketing calls telling Canadians they had won a free cruise to the Bahamas in exchange for answering a survey.

The regulator worked with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission to investigate the complaints.

The CRTC said Caribbean Cruise Line, which is owned by Consolidated Travel Holdings Group Inc., used an automatic dialing-announcing device to offer cruises to Canadians, including many who have their phone number registered on the national do not call list.

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Ban on selfie sticks grows at tourist sites

The Chateau de Versailles, outside Paris, and the National Gallery in London have joined the growing list of global tourist attractions that have banned "selfie sticks." The devices are used by visitors such as American tourists Chris Baker and Jennifer Hinson, pictured here in front of the Louvre Pyramid in Paris, to improve snapshots, but critics say the practice is obnoxious and potentially dangerous. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Flight attendant sues over nut rage

Law. Korean Air heiress will be held responsible for damage to employee's career, reputation, and emotional well-being, statement says

A flight attendant who says she was living her dream by working for Korean Air is now suing the airline and its infamous nut rage executive, claiming the bizarre onboard tantrum ruined her career.

Kim Do Hee, the flight attendant, is seeking compensation through a trial in New York City after she was

verbally and physically attacked by Korean Air heiress Cho Hyun-ah, according to a statement on Wednesday by two American law firms.

It is the first civil lawsuit connected with the nut rage case, which infuriated South Koreans and hogged global headlines. Last month, a South Korean court sentenced Cho, 40, to one year in prison for violating aviation security laws, using violence against a flight attendant and other charges. Cho, who is the daughter of Korean Air's chairman, has appealed the ruling from prison.

The summons filed Monday said Cho screamed obscenities at Kim and hit and

threatened her.

The summons said she was also pressured to lie to government investigators to cover up the incident and to appear in public with Cho "as part of an orchestrated effort to try and rehabilitate Cho's public image."

Kim is seeking compensatory damages and punitive damages in an amount to be determined at the trial.

Kim said Korean Air was her dream job since she was a high school student, but after false rumours spread on the Internet about her accepting a professorship in exchange for lying to investigators, she could not return to work as a flight attendant.

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CITIZEN SCIENTISTS UNITE!

Research projects led by those outside academia aren't supported, published or taken seriously, but that should change



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You don't need a PhD to have a great idea, so why do you need a PhD to publish it?

Many of us have ideas that, given research and a platform to share it, could change the way we live. More people outside academia are getting their hands dirty with scientific research.

A few weeks ago, the first-ever Citizen Science Meeting was held at Cornell University. But right now, research projects led by citizen scientists aren't supported, published or taken seriously.

Scientific research needs to go public.

A citizen scientist is anyone in the public who participates in scientific study. You could be one. Numerous projects around the world already see academic scientists tap citizen scientists to collect their data—like crowdfunding, but for information.

Amateur whale watchers report sightings as part of the B.C. Cetacean Sightings Network. The University of Calgary-based Aurorasaurus project tracks the aurora through Twitter.

But the vast majority of citizen scientists today just do the grunt work. They don't contribute ideas. Academic institutions and publications still control much of what research is pursued, funded and recognized. Only a select few can currently participate in scientific discovery and be recognized for it.

Many of the world's greatest inventions and discoveries were made



Tourists take pictures of a humpback whale. Amateur whale watchers can report sightings as part of the B.C. Cetacean Sightings Network, but the vast majority of citizen scientists today just do the grunt work. RODRIGO BUENDIA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES FILE

outside the walls of academia.

Working out of his shop, a Dutch eyeglasses maker named Hans Lippershey invented the telescope, which Galileo used to discover craters on the moon and confirm that the Earth orbits the sun. German goldsmith Johannes Gutenberg invented the movable-type printing press, which put books in the hands of regular Europeans, not just the aristocracy and the church.

Today, however, peer-reviewed academic journals are the gatekeep-

ers of what science is accepted, talked about and built upon, and right now, for the most part, only researchers from academic institutions are able to publish there.

There just aren't supports in Canada that allow citizen scientists conducting their own experiments or studies to get peer reviewed and to publish their findings, says David Lawrie, program director of Canada's Citizen Scientists, a group of researchers formed out of Toronto in 2003 who collect data about the health of the Rouge River watershed.

Plenty of tools are out there for citizen scientists. Science crowdfunding sites like petridish.org and experiment.com help generate funds, and there are a couple citizen science journals, but the citizen science sea change won't happen until ordinary people can get better recognition for their research.

"For citizen scientists, it takes a lot of time and effort to publish in a journal for essentially almost no reward," says Lawrie.

We also need more incentives to encourage people from more diverse

backgrounds to get involved in researching and shaping what we know about the world. They need things like grants, awards, prizes, the honour of being published.

Lawrie would like to see more monetary support for citizen scientists and "a very effective platform to help disseminate the information to the broader public."

Encouraging citizen research would generate more discoveries, and they would happen faster. More diverse people would be able to pursue more diverse topics that are currently underrepresented in academia.

Thanks to data collection by citizen scientists, the eBird network has millions of sightings that have helped focus conservation efforts. Think of how much more we could accomplish with a world full of scientists.

One criticism of citizen research is that reliability and validity of the research can't be controlled as it is in academia.

So let's find ways of fixing that: peer-review panels to vet the quality of citizen research; ethics boards that make sure their projects are above board; a government granting body that endorses and supports promising projects; a central resource where citizen scientists can find out how to conduct research with rigour so they can produce meaningful results.

Cheap, easily accessible technologies are making it easy to collect, analyze and communicate information.

Let's use them to unleash the public brain.

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Why being strapped to our tech may actually set us free



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I have a confession to make: I want an Apple Watch — badly.

Ever since Apple Inc. CEO Tim Cook finally officially revealed the prices and release date of the trio of smart watches Monday, there has been a stream of haters calling the latest offering from the Cupertino, Calif., company stupid, gauche and ridiculously overpriced.

A Gawker writer actually called

on readers to take a pledge to not sleep with anyone who dons the gadget. A certain Metro web editor seemed horrified to hear I wanted one. As Taylor Swift sings: Haters gonna hate, hate, hate.

Sure, I'll admit: no one needs an Apple Watch — but then, no one needs a smartphone either, and most of us have one.

While I personally like the design of the watches, some people think they're clunky and weird, and I concede it may be difficult to not look like a lemming or a fash-

ion victim wearing one.

And, uh, yes, the watches are overpriced. The Apple Watch Edition (18-karat gold) will start at a heart-stopping \$13,000, the Apple Watch starts at \$699 and the Apple Watch Sport is the cheapest option, starting at \$449 in Canada.

Yet, despite all that, I still desperately want one. As a runner, I love the idea of having GPS, a heart-rate sensor and an accelerometer — as well as access to Wi-Fi. I'm well aware that the numbers these devices spit out are far from perfect,

but it's still nice to be able to get an idea of how hard I'm working when I'm working out.

And as a woman I love that I can now free myself of the tyranny of carrying around so much stuff everywhere I go.

I mean, the watch tells you the time without having to pull out your phone and it's strapped to your wrist so it's harder to lose.

And while you still need your phone nearby, you can pay for things with the watch and check your Twitter feed on it. You can

even use it to call a cab. What can't it do? Don't answer that; it's a rhetorical question.

I seem to be swimming against the stream on this one, but I think now is the time for an Apple Watch. Well, not now, now. I'll wait for the kinks to be worked out and the prices to come down (fingers crossed).

Then I'll sport my watch with pride.

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shares how a
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Brian Burke, President of the Calgary Flames, shares insight
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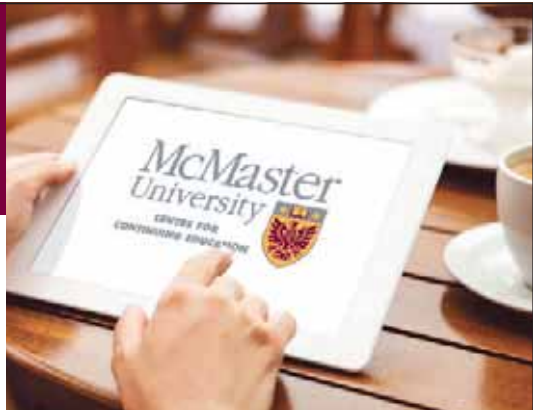
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Mediaplanet caught up with Brian Burke in an exclusive interview where he revealed the importance of having a higher degree.

Training for success

Mediaplanet You received your law degree from Harvard in 1981. Why was it important for you to pursue a higher education?

Brian Burke I had applied to law school while I was in the final year of my undergraduate degree as I really felt that an advanced degree was critical for me. I wasn't sure exactly what I wanted to do, but I knew that this was a tool in my toolbox that I wanted to have. I was guided into law by my hockey coach, but I really believe that any time spent on higher education is time well spent.

MP How did your degree help prepare you for the workforce and has it contributed to your successful career?

BB Yes, it has undoubtedly contributed to my career. What a



Brian Burke
PRESIDENT, CALGARY FLAMES

graduate degree does is train you in that discipline. However, it also teaches you the value of hard work at a highly competitive level and it says to the employers of the world, this person is disciplined, committed, smart, and hardworking. So I think when it comes time to convert that degree into a job, you always recover the money spent.

MP In your opinion – have continuing education programs opened the door for individuals who are looking to advance their career?

BB No question. It's the first thing I look at when I get a resume. I think that the higher education world is shifting somewhat. People are making the choice not to abandon their careers to go to school full-time. Instead, they will continue their education while continuing to work. I compare myself to my son. I got my law degree in three years going to school full-time. My son got his degree in four years going part-time. During those four years of schooling he was also able to get four years of valuable work experience as a National Hockey League scout. I think that's time better spent.

MP How has today's current economy influenced the value of gaining further credentials?

BB Anytime the economy gets tight, the criteria for hiring, as well as the bar, goes up. So for me, it's a no-brainer to say that a person with an advanced degree is in a better position in the job market. As the market gets tighter, the value of an advanced degree gets even higher. We also look very strongly upon community service, volunteer work, and rapid promotion within the workplace that they're in—all indicators of success. If we get two resumes that are the same in terms of work experience, we're going to start with the person that has the higher degree.

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5 myths of online learning debunked



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Imagine completing your undergraduate degree without setting foot in a classroom. Building your skills and knowledge without having to quit your day job. Thanks to advancements in technology, completing an undergraduate or Master's Degree anytime, anywhere is a reality for students of all ages. Online education is opening up opportunities for a growing mar-

ket of non-traditional learners. In fact, the number of non-traditional undergraduate students (over the age of twenty-five) is expanding faster than the traditional student group. But as with anything new and potentially disruptive, skeptics abound. Below are five myths about online learning debunked.

1 Online courses are easier

Not true! This is one of the biggest misconceptions of online learning. Online courses offered by accredited universities and colleges maintain the same rigor as traditional face-to-face classes. It's only the delivery method that's different. Students access learning materials and connect with classmates via a virtual classroom online. Students study and interact at times convenient for them. It's this flexibility that makes online education 'easier'.

2 Online degrees don't carry the same respect

Au contraire! The perception of online degrees is increasingly positive as programs expand and online graduates succeed in the workplace. Employers look for skilled candidates who demonstrate initiative, drive, and self-direction. A job candidate that completes an online degree while working full or part-time demonstrates commitment, drive, and tenacity—exactly the type of skills employers want and need.

3 It's lonely

Not! Online courses offer active learning opportunities that encourage students to communicate and collaborate. Social media platforms are for making learning connections too, not just social ones. Whether working on a group assignment, conducting research, or studying, online learning is far

from lonely. Just like face-to-face learning though, it's up to the student to reach out, get involved, and make it happen.

4 You won't get adequate instructor feedback

Myth! The fact is that online instructors provide at least the same if not more feedback to students in an online course. Instructors aim to provide meaningful feedback to bridge the distance gap. Instructors get to know students through their submitted course work and participation in class discussion forums. It's a two-way street though. Students need to make an effort to get involved, show a presence, and reach out to instructors for help and guidance. Instructors are there to help you be successful. Your success is their success!

5 There are no deadlines

Another myth! Though there is flexibility to complete coursework around your schedule, there are deadlines for assignments and learning activities just as in a traditional course with a start and end-date. Effective time management is an essential skill for students studying online. There's little room for procrastination or cramming. Yet, just like any other skill, it's one that can be developed, practiced and mastered.

Online education offers flexibility, variety, and opportunities for students wanting to pursue a degree, credential, or for personal development and enrichment. Learning is literally at your fingertips, but it's up to you to make it happen. Go online and learn!

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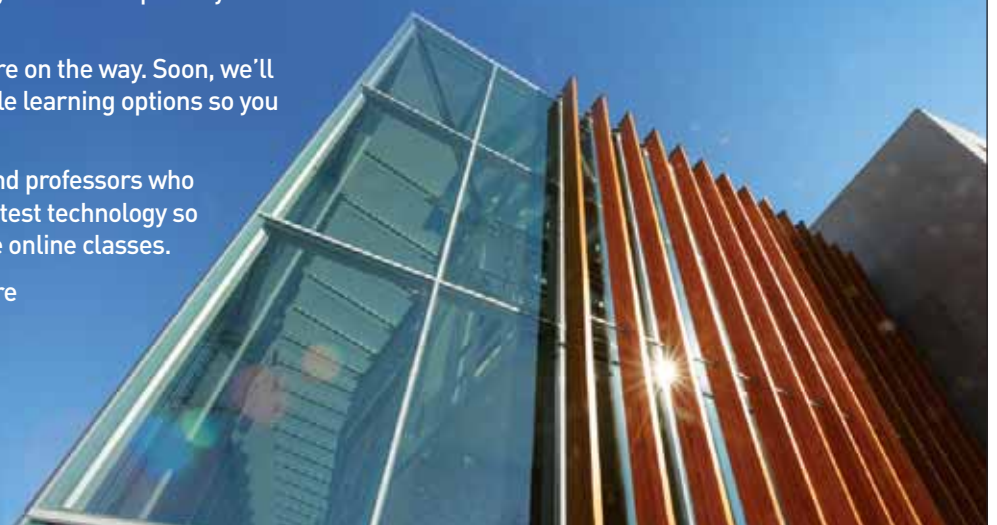
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1 In today's challenging job market, why should someone consider continuing their education?

2 What advice would you give a potential student considering an online education program?

3 Where do you think that the continuing and online education industry is headed in 2015?



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We live in the knowledge economy, which challenges us to be lifelong learners. By pursuing continuing education you are equipping yourself with the skills needed to stay in-demand for new opportunities. Continuing education plays a significant role when it comes to career development and helps individuals build on their existing knowledge to learn practical skills that will aid them in finding a new career or advancing their current one.

Online learning gives you freedom and flexibility, but it also means being self-motivated and self-disciplined, so create good habits from the beginning. With today's continuing education being more accessible and flexible than ever before, students should research and figure out what will be the best choice for them. The variety of learning formats is practically endless - from in-class to online, daytime, evening, weekend, and even intensive 'bootcamps.'

Customized learning will be huge. It's a knowledge economy, and mature students are holding full-time jobs while going back to school - not to mention other commitments like family, volunteering, etc. Today's learners need flexible options to gain new skills or refresh old ones and are increasingly looking to online options. Students will continue to move online to do their training and will seek training 365 days per year.



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Employers today expect that the people they hire will be effective lifelong learners. They want people who can independently update or upgrade their qualifications and knowledge to meet the needs of the job. For those trying to find a job, demonstrating to a potential employer that you have continued your learning can give you an advantage over other candidates. Online learning can also teach skills that are important in the modern workforce.

Online education requires independence and good time management to be successful. It may be a good idea to try out a free online course or two, such as a MOOC in a topic you are interested in, just to get a sense of how it might feel to be an online learner. Online education provides options for students who may not otherwise be able to get access to the learning they need or want, simply because they can't attend full-time classes on-campus.

We will see the development of more specialized certificate or sub-degree programs where people will be able to quickly obtain the knowledge that they need. Online education in Ontario is undergoing somewhat of a revolution. We will see increasing cooperative efforts between institutions, such as shared programs or courses, a greater focus on student mobility, credit transfer, and pathways through post-secondary education.



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More than ever, we live in an environment of constant change, with new information and skills quickly replacing the old. We work in a highly competitive market. The need for more diverse and ever-changing skills requires re-education and refining of knowledge, skills, and abilities. Learners need targeted, relevant skills and knowledge to help them meet their current situation as well as prepare for growth and transferability of skills to new jobs.

A critical component is to know how you study and learn, how you manage your time, and what kind of support you will receive from your family and workplace. Seek out an advisor who will give you advice on how to integrate your goals into the many education options that exist. Research the integrity and accreditation of the institution offering the program. You want the best overall value and learning experience as well as knowing that the credits you earn will count in the future.

More engagement in learning through strong design, use of technology, expert teaching, and support. There is increasing competition, yet a growing market of both non-traditional and traditional students who want flexibility in their educational choices. Providers must continually reshape to meet learner needs, acknowledge trends, and improve quality, rigor, and services. Look for micro-credentials and short, highly-targeted programs.

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THE CHANGING NATURE OF EDUCATION

Rigid timetables, classroom-based teaching, theoretical concepts—these were once the hallmarks of higher education programs. Today they are beginning to fade as more and more students opt for the flexibility, accessibility, and career-skills focus of online and continuing education.

Changing student profile

A signal of this can be seen in the changing student profile. Whereas in the past, the bulk of students who made-up higher education programs were in the 18 to 24-year-old range, today that demographic has broadened.

“The couple of times that we’ve done demographic study work, we determined that the average age of a student at a career college is the late-twenties; although there are

students who are eighteen coming straight out of high school, and there are people in their fifties and sixties. It’s a wide range,” says Paul Kitchin, Executive Director of Career Colleges Ontario.

Career-building skills

A number of factors are driving the soaring admission rates at colleges and universities that offer online and continuing education programs, however one of the biggest draws is the focus on real-life job skills.

“It’s about giving students the full set of skills they need to enter into a career. You’re going to get the practical, hands-on skills you need to be able to function on the job,” says Kitchin.

In today’s competitive job market, extra certificates, credentials, and skills are a big factor in what separates successful and unsuccessful job candidates.

“It’s about giving students the full set of skills they need to enter into a career. You’re going to get the practical, hands-on skills you need to be able to function on the job.”



Flexibility and accessibility

Another huge draw is flexibility and accessibility. Many continuing education programs allow students to attend school partially or entirely online. Because of this, people from all over Canada have the same opportunities for enrichment. As long as you have an internet con-

nection you can be in school working towards a degree or certificate.

“If someone lives in rural Ontario or is a single parent, the benefits of e-learning are huge. So there’s some leveling of the playing field in terms of education if people can get their education online or part of it online,” says Dr.

Lorraine Carter, President of the Canadian Association for University Continuing Education.

The future of online learning

What’s more is online courses have proven to be an effective learning environment, especially in comparison with large lecture-style courses.

And with advancements in communication technology, online education may one day be able to replicate even the most technical of school work, including labs and workshops.

“There are big possibilities around simulations and 3D virtual environments. And I think that’s only going to continue to grow. The Northern Ontario School of Medicine’s utilization of very high end simulations and learning objects is evidence that you can do it” says Carter.

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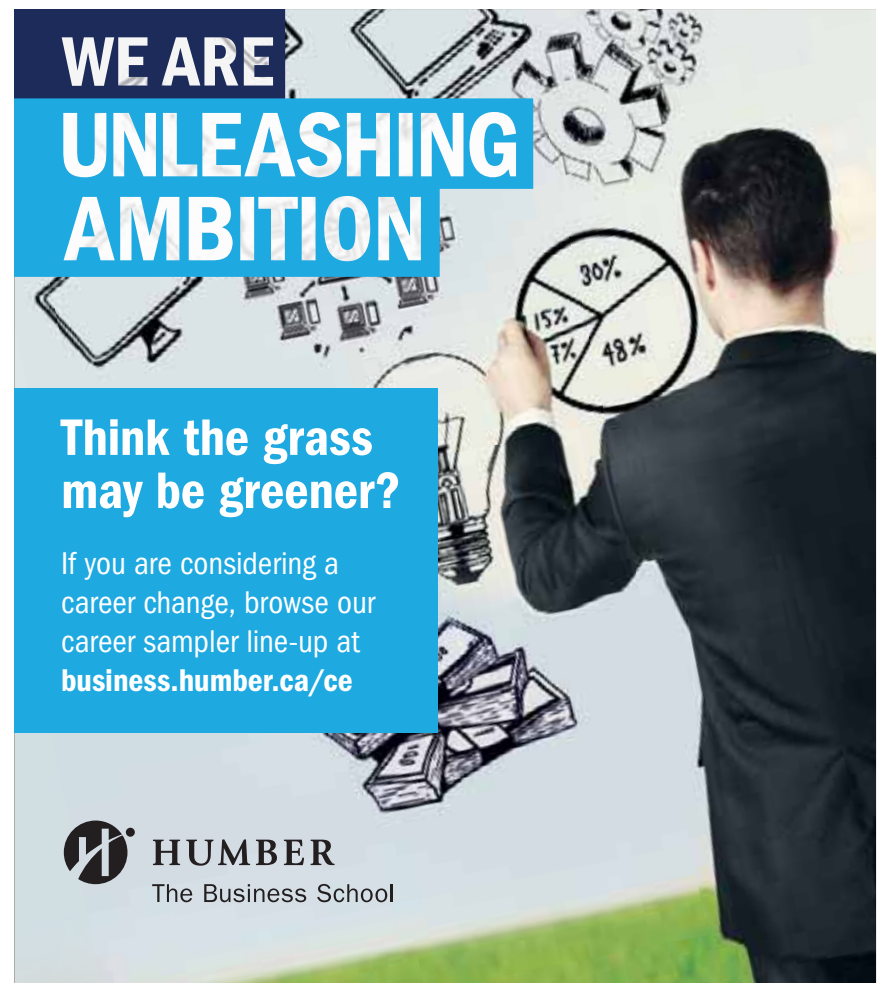
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Revenge star **James Tupper** shares his journey of becoming an actor and the importance of furthering your education to pursue your dream.



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Mediaplanet How did you decide you wanted to pursue a career in acting?

James Tupper I started entertaining my family at a really young age. In Nova Scotia, everybody sits around and we'd tell stories and I would just find ways to make people laugh. Anytime my life diverged from the path of acting, and it did so many times, I knew that's what I wanted to do. People always say follow your dream, but what they should be saying is follow your

dream every day. Do one thing today for your dream. That's the energy and the hope that helped keep my dream going.

MP You studied acting at Concordia and then received your Master of Fine Arts degree from Rutgers in 1996. Why was it important for you to pursue a higher education?

JT Because I wasn't one of those highly skilled child actors.

All acting roles are part of the human family and sometimes you find yourself in it. You're the dad, the neighbour, the boy next door, the lover, the ingénue, and I didn't really fit into anything. I was still figuring myself out so it gave me three extra years of doing theatre, studying theatre, acting all day and doing shows at night. The reason I chose Rutgers is that it led straight into the New York theatre and acting world and I was able to start working.

MP Did you enjoy those programs?

JT The program was like a conservatory, it was phenomenal. I auditioned and it was a very competitive program to get in. They had these amazing people from New York and everybody was wearing a black turtleneck and talking about Chekov [laughs]. No one graduated without knowing exactly what the job was. For me, they helped us create a tool bag of skills. They do these showcases after you graduate that are only attended by agents, managers and casting directors. I got agents from that, meetings with casting directors, auditions for films, and I started doing commercials.

MP Have you thought about going back to school again?

JT I've been offered opportunities to be a professor and teach or to go back as a guest artist. I'm looking forward to it in about ten years but I don't have the time right now. I'm doing *Revenge* and I have two kids. I want to do a show at the Shaw Festival in Ontario. Anne Heche, my wife, and I would

love to go and spend the summer there with the boys.

MP How did your Master's degree help prepare you for your acting career and has it contributed to your success?

JT Definitely, it was basically a professional conservatory program that trains you for every part of the business. We even had a class on auditioning where they teach you how to do a monologue and how to tell a story.

MP What advice would you give to someone looking to pursue a career in acting?

JT When you get up to the level that I'm at, the important thing is that you've done work on your person to make yourself a fascinating, lovely, interesting person. Do a project that makes you feel full, happy, and challenged. Challenge yourself every day because that's what people want to see.

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Breaking down barriers with online and continuing education

When Salwa Alloush moved to Canada from Jordan in 2009, she faced a number of obstacles: single parent of two, new country, new culture and missing support. The most daunting, however, was finding work.

Finding employment

Like many immigrants, Alloush moved to Canada searching for greener pastures, only to find that her degree was not recognized here. The fact that she had worked as a deputy director of administration and finance in her home country of Jordan meant little to Canadian employers.

“Once I started looking for work, I realized that neither my previous academic achievements, nor my long years of

experience as a manager were of any help. I approached different organizations, and all I got was that I lacked ‘Canadian experience’ or had no ‘Canadian education’” says Alloush.

Breaking down barriers

“I decided to pursue a continuing education program because I saw the need in adding Canadian education to my resume. I felt that I could overcome one of the obstacles that stood in front of me and eventually get a job that I deserved” says Alloush.

But as a single parent of two young children, full-time education was simply out of the question.

“Being the sole breadwinner in the family, I needed to have the flexibility to work and study. I had to look for something that I could do in the evening as well as online” says Alloush.



Becoming a student

Alloush enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management program at Seneca College in 2014. The program, which is offered both on campus and online, provided the perfect balance of work and life.

“The in-class courses allowed me to interact with the instructor

and students. I made lots of friends and enjoyed listening to people’s opinions and experiences. The online courses, on the other hand, provided me with a lot of flexibility in the preparation time, spared me the commute, and allowed me to start at different times than the actual semester,” says Alloush.

“I gained connections, knowl-

ONLINE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION STUDENT
Salwa Alloush reaches her full potential by going back to school.
PHOTO: SALWA ALLOUSH

edge and confidence from the program. I made lots of connections among the instructors who have helped direct my job search and future career plans as well academic achievements” she says.

Today and tomorrow

Since completing the program in 2014, Alloush has successfully found full-time employment at a job she enjoys. Alloush says, “I learned a lot of things. But what I learned most is that there is no limit to one’s ability to adapt and change. I learned so much that I am now looking to enroll in a new program!”

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As it turns out, this serves a purpose. Business leaders, whether they are CEOs of multi-nationals or managers of a small team, are often overloaded. There is too much to

do and not enough time. One of the biggest drivers to their effectiveness is the ability to manage the volume of work and information coming to them. Having worked with leaders who were both MBAs and non-MBAs, I witnessed this come to life. Where most non-MBA leaders were stressed because of the hours, or the number of things they need to be mindful of while pushing to achieve annual goals, the leaders with MBAs tended to sail through with relative ease.

Leading in business, or going through an MBA for that matter, is not easy or for the weak willed. However the MBA offers an excellent opportunity to prepare yourself for demanding business roles in your career.

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Shad's here to give you all he can

Juno award-winning rapper Shad faces the shadow of Jian Ghomeshi when he takes over hosting duties of Q on April 20. Ghomeshi, who helped make Q popular among younger listeners, was fired from the CBC four months ago. So, how will Shad match up against the former host?

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
Metro News in Toronto

Ego

Shad: Friends describe him as confident, but also modest and humble, almost to a fault. "He's never struck me as a person that's seeking or needing the validation of others," said Seattle hip-hop radio host and friend, Jonathan Moore. In a CBC news story on the announcement, Shad downplayed his own prominence, calling his new role "an honour" and praising the producers as a "brilliant, passionate team."

Ghomeshi: In the wake of Ghomeshi's firing and allegations of sexual assault, former staffers have come out to charge Ghomeshi with having an outsized ego. Former staff have described Ghomeshi as an oppressive and perfectionist boss, whose will was the law.

Radio experience

Shad: He's had a lot of time behind the microphone, but in terms of hosting a radio show, Shad's main efforts were as a guest host for Q in January for a week.

Ghomeshi: He had a number of smaller broadcasting gigs before launching Q in 2007, including on CBC TV as the host of the pop culture program Play, and later as the host of a series of music shows on CBC Radio One, including a stint on Sounds Like Canada.

Accolades

Shad: The musician has been racking up praise for his music for the past 10 years. He won the 2011 Juno award for Rap Recording of the Year, beating out Drake, and his albums have been nominated for other Junos, MuchMusic Video Awards and the Polaris Prize.

Ghomeshi: As a musician, Ghomeshi's career was less decorated. But as host of Q, he won the Gold Award for best talk-show host at the New York Festivals International Radio Awards in 2012. He was also praised around the world for taking on Billy Bob Thornton in a prickly 2009 interview.



Musical

Shad: A veteran of the hip-hop world, Shad has released four albums, two mixtapes and four EPs. The Old Prince is considered his breakout album, he won the Juno for TSOL, and his most recent release came last year, with Flying Colours. He makes "culturally curious hip hop (that's) eclectic, witty, thoughtful, funny," said music writer and Polaris Prize juror Michael Barclay.

Ghomeshi: As the singer and drummer in the satirical folk-pop band Moxy Früvous, Ghomeshi recorded eight albums. The band released platinum-selling records, and made Ghomeshi a name in Canadian music, but "by the time he started working at the CBC, his music career was kind of a joke," said Barclay.

X Factor

Shad: As yet unproven as a host, Shad has ample proof of his charisma on stage. The MC is confident and intelligent, but not arrogant, Moore said. "He's curious and interesting. He will bring energy to the show," Barclay said.

Ghomeshi: There's no doubt that Q's popularity became entwined with Ghomeshi's own star power. Known as a gracious radio host, he also didn't cower to well-known interview subjects — he once sarcastically corrected Julian Assange for calling him by the show's name. A charismatic man in person, Ghomeshi's confidence shone on air, and the way he connected with guests and drew out their stories undoubtedly helped forge Q's reputation as a cultural powerhouse and a must-do interview.

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Verdict blurs lines on paying homage to musical influences

Copyright. Williams and Thicke's \$7.4M court loss could cause chilling effect on creation of music

A jury's verdict that Pharrell Williams and Robin Thicke copied Marvin Gaye's music to create their hit song Blurred Lines won't just be felt by the singers' pocket-books — it has the potential to change how musicians work and could open the door to new copyright claims.

An eight-person jury determined Tuesday that Williams and Thicke copied elements of Gaye's 1977 hit Got to Give It Up and ordered the pair to pay nearly \$7.4 million to the late singer's three children.

The music industry may feel new constraints in the coming years as artists — and



Pharrell Williams and Robin Thicke have been ordered to pay nearly \$7.4 million to the late Marvin Gaye's three children for a copyright infringement. GETTY IMAGES

lawyers — sort through the verdict and its implications.

Howard King, lead attorney for Thicke and Williams, told jurors in closing arguments that a verdict for the Gaye family would have a chilling effect on musicians'

trying to evoke an era or create an homage to the sound of earlier musicians. Williams contended during the trial that he was only trying to mimic the "feel" of Gaye's late 1970s music, but insisted he did not use elements of

his idol's work. "Today's successful verdict, with the odds more than stacked against the Marvin Gaye estate, could redefine what copyright infringement means for recording artists," said Glen Rothstein, an intellectual property attorney with the firm Greenberg Glusker.

"The Gaye verdict is precedential in that whereas prior to today, it was generally understood that paying homage to musical influences was an acceptable, and indeed commonplace way of conducting business and even showing respect for one's musical idols, after today, doubt has been cast on where the line will be drawn for copyright infringement purposes," Rothstein said.

The Gaye family will seek an injunction against Blurred Lines, which will give them leverage to negotiate for royalties and other concessions such as songwriting credits.

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Well, that sounds familiar

AVRIL VS. THE RUBINOOS



Although she insisted she had never heard the '70s tune I Wanna Be Your Boyfriend by the Rubinoos, Avril Lavigne agreed to an out-of-court settlement involving her hit song Girlfriend.



EX-BEATLE VS. THE CHIFFONS



Former Beatle George Harrison's 1970 solo song My Sweet Lord had a melody heavy with echoes of He's So Fine, the 1962 hit from The Chiffons. A judge said Harrison was guilty only of "subconscious plagiarism." Harrison would eventually pay out \$587,000.



SAM SMITH VS. TOM PETTY



Tom Petty's publishers said Sam Smith's Stay With Me's melody bore a striking resemblance to Petty's I Won't Back Down. Smith and his representatives agreed, and granted co-writing credit to Petty.



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Fashion. Jeanne Beker ready to give a fresh take on fashion in new show

After 27 years spent primarily profiling designers as host of Fashion Television, Jeanne Beker is opting for a fresh take on fashion aimed at helping viewers maximize their style potential.

The fashion and media

maven is returning to the airwaves with Style Matters with Jeanne Beker, which has its two-hour premiere Thursday at 8 p.m. ET on the Shopping Channel. Full episodes will be available online at tsc.ca the following day.

With Style Matters, Beker draws on part of the formula that made FT a trail-blazing success, with plans to shoot segments in the field featuring interviews with designers or showroom tours.

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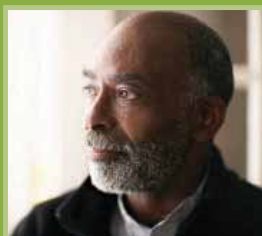
Monty Python celebrates 40 years of the Holy Grail

The surviving members of the British comedy troupe Monty Python will be making a special appearance at the

Tribeca Film Festival in New York next month to help mark the 40th anniversary of their cult classic film Monty Python and the Holy Grail. John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones, and Michael Palin will reunite at the Beacon Theatre April 24 for a special screening of the 1975 film.

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Sexed-up scandal show fit for a king

New series. We'll never be royals, but we can enjoy their fictional foibles

There's little to take seriously in the campy new drama *The Royals* — a show from E network about the scandalous lives of a fictional royal family.

But amidst all the mayhem, there is at least a modicum of attention paid to portraying proper regal behaviour, which co-star Alexandra Park credits to her “very English” co-star, Elizabeth Hurley.

The Australian actress, who plays rebellious princess Eleanor to Hurley's imperious Queen Helena, says the *Austin Powers* star acted as a bit of an informal etiquette expert on set, pointing out little-known dos and don'ts as filming went on.

“She's like, ‘No, we would never have that colour flowers for this event. And



The Royals debuts Sunday on E network. CONTRIBUTED

you can't wear that,” Park recalled in a recent phone interview from Los Angeles.

“She just knows everything. It's crazy.”

Park said Hurley and co-star Joan Collins lend a dash of Hollywood majesty to the over-the-top series, which revels in the ignoble exploits

of a royal brood sent reeling when the heir apparent dies suddenly.

While the partying Eleanor attracts tabloid gossip for her wild escapades, her brother Liam, played by William Moseley, courts his own controversy by romancing the daughter of the family's

head of security. That headstrong young woman, who becomes a target for the queen, is played by B.C.-bred actress Merrit Patterson.

Despite all the pomp and circumstance, viewers should be able to connect to the basic struggles these characters face, Moseley said.

“You're trying to find your place, you're trying to take on all these responsibilities and my character is kind of like dealing with doubt on a very high level,” said Moseley in a separate interview from Los Angeles.

Rather than allude too much to the lives of actual

royals, Moseley said the series makes a point of charting its own outlandish course.

“You have a girl serving food in a French maid outfit — you know what I mean? Which obviously wouldn't happen in the royal palace.”

The *Royals*' debuts Sunday on E network.

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Alexandra Park
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Charity

Will Ferrell strikes out on baseball stunt

Will Ferrell plans to play ball in spring training — and play ball and play ball and play ball.

The comedian will play every position while making appearances at five Arizona spring training games on Thursday. He will play for all 10 teams involved, HBO and Major League Baseball announced Wednesday.

The star of *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy* will travel to the Phoenix sub-

urbs of Mesa, Tempe, Scottsdale, Glendale and Peoria via helicopter. The event will be filmed for an upcoming HBO special in conjunction with the *Funny or Die* website co-founded by Ferrell.

HBO said Ferrell is dedicating his special to fighting cancer. He also will honour Bert Campaneris' feat of playing nine positions in a game five decades ago. Memorabilia collected during Ferrell's tour will be auctioned off at MLB.com, with proceeds going to College of Cancer and Stand Up to Cancer, according to HBO. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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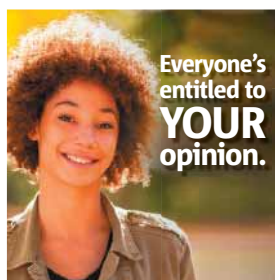
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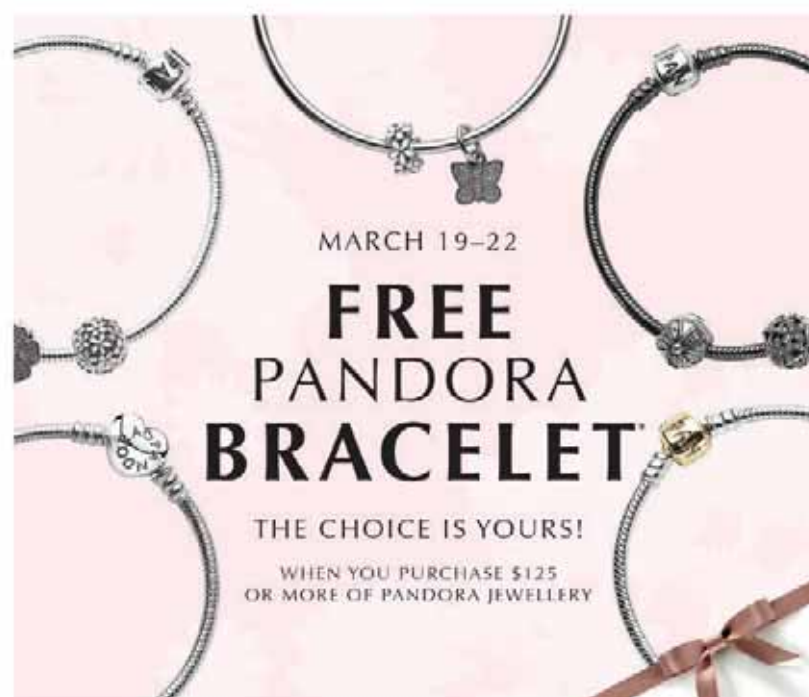


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Mindy Kaling can't do one-night stands

Art, it seems, doesn't imitate life when it comes to Mindy Kaling, who is finding that the wild dating life of her *The Mindy Project* alter ego is screwing up what men expect from her in her own life.

"When I go on dates there's

this expectation that I'm going to have, like, 11 martinis and like, pass out and spend the night really soon. And I think people get a little disappointed because my true self is like, I could never do that, like have a one-night stand,"

the single actress and

writer tells Ellen DeGeneres during an interview.

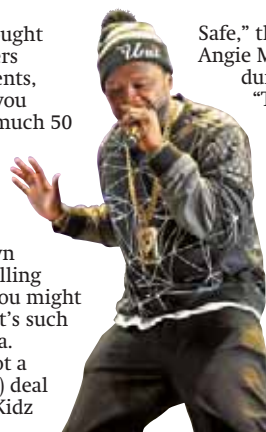
"Because I have my medications that I have to take at night. I have to be at my house and do my flossing. I have all that stuff."

Hey, maybe some guys are into flossing.

50 cent's son pulls in huge salary for a two-year-old

I never thought that toddlers needed agents, but when you hear how much 50 Cent's two-year-old son, Sire Jackson, pulled down for a modelling contract, you might not think it's such a crazy idea.

"He's got a (modelling) deal now with Kidz



Safe," the rapper revealed to Angie Martinez at Power 105 during an interview.

"They paid him a big payment, too."

And by big, he means a contract worth \$700,000. No, seriously. That's a lot of binkies.

"He's cute, you gotta pay for it," Fiddy explained. He also assured listeners that the money is going into a trust until Jackson is 18 years old.

Tony says 'I do' to Gaga wedding gig



Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga

Singing at Lady Gaga's wedding would likely be a pretty nerve-racking prospect for even

the most seasoned of young musicians, so it makes sense that the chameleon-like singer would go for someone who can handle the pressure.

Enter pal Tony Bennett, who is reportedly on tap to croon at Gaga's upcoming nuptials. "They invited me to do it, and of course I will," he tells Page Six.

Now, you can accuse me of being cynical or unromantic, that's fine, but I can't help noticing that Gaga and Bennett, who released their *Cheek to Cheek* duets album last fall, are embarking on a tour next month. What a coincidence!

Renée steps out in Paris

A chic Renée Zellweger — who attracted attention last fall for a noticeably changed visage — at first hid her face from cameras with Audrey Hepburn-style bangs and large shades Wednesday as she hit Prada's Miu Miu show on the last day of the ready-to-wear collections in Paris.

Inside the show, however, she took off the shades and proudly posed for cameras — maybe she is "happy," after all. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/METRO**



Shooting at Lil Wayne's a hoax



Lil Wayne

An apparent hoax summoned a strong police response Wednesday to the home of rapper

Lil Wayne after an unknown caller reported a shooting.

The caller claimed four people had been shot at the waterfront home on an exclusive Miami Beach island.

The responding officers, including a heavily armed SWAT team, found no evidence of a shooting, no victims and no gunman. Rodriguez also said the owner of the home — Lil Wayne, whose real name is Dwayne Michael Carter — was not there at the time.

"We can say for sure it was a hoax."

Miami Beach police spokesman Ernesto Rodriguez said. "It's not a laughing matter."

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Stella McCartney's gentle beauty

Hitting the on-trend spot, Stella McCartney sensually explored styles of undress for fall-winter 2015, with a hint of the corset.

Gone were many of the sporty shapes that are now associated with her esthetic — and in their place were silhouettes, cinched chicly with a belt at the waist or bustier-shaped. Elsewhere, there were voluminous “comfort” shapes on beautiful loose knit sweater-dresses in earth tones, which would fall nonchalantly off one arm — as if in a state of undress.

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Hermès designer shows powerful debut

For her debut collection at power house Hermès, new designer Nadège Vanhee-Cybulski pared down the house esthetic, to subtle, yet powerful, results. Narrowing down the palette to navy, cobalt blue, ivory, carmine red and flashes of sunshine yellow, the 36-year-old French designer used simple minimalist shapes that drew from Oriental styles to bold effect.

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Louis Vuitton's leather and lace

Nicolas Ghesquière, artistic director, manages to mix a certain simplicity with technical expertise. The lace looks like collages on dresses and tops, with just a chain for a belt. Shoulders are highlighted, exaggerated and gathered. Skirts are worn short with pockets, paired with sublime leather jackets, embroidered sheepskin or even zipped blouses. The gold and silver shine is the focus, sparkly but with a simplicity at the same time.

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Kenzo embraces layers and lines

This season's mantra is: Pile it all on. We've seen it notably at Lanvin, Dries Van Noten — and now at Kenzo's draped, voluminous and colourful fashion spectacle.

The collection continued this energy in its vivid splashes of kinetic graphic lines and flashes of contrasting, coloured prints.

But fall-winter was all about the layering.

Geometric lines featured on layered A-line column dresses, topped off with funky asymmetrical poncho-hoods.

Kenzo is all about the cultural fusion. The dark looks featured a nice play of camouflage print on a poncho and assorted jungle pants: If you looked closely you realized the pattern was, in fact, of very un-militaristic flowers.

It was tongue in cheek, and is bound to be a hit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flirting with danger at Paris Fashion Week

Saint Laurent's sex-infused, '80s grit and glam

Fashion's wild child Hedi Slimane upped the sexiness in his latest offering for Saint Laurent, with thick eye makeup, whitened faces, torn tights and a flirtation with the styles of the '80s New Romantics.

The stomping models were still here in this latest chapter of the controversial French-Tunisian's evolution at the house, as were the glittering glam rock fleeces, black boots, black leather minis, and the figure-hugging leopard print cocktail dresses.

It felt like the new Saint Laurent girl had grown up a little bit, moved into the early '80s and discovered sex. A tight black leather zip-up minidress was undone nearly to the crotch, while one truncated bridal dress was twinned with a tuxedo and looked like the heady bride had ditched her man at the altar and gone to the disco.

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Deep-fried goodness

Snack. Wild Ramp and Crab-Stuffed Hushpuppies with Green Goddess Dressing are a Southern U.S. fave

Hushpuppies

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. Line two rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper.

2. Bring a saucepan of salted water to a boil. Make an ice bath in a bowl with equal parts ice and water. Put the ramps in a strainer and submerge them in the boiling water for 45 seconds. Remove and submerge them in the ice bath until completely cold. Drain and shake off the water, then drain and dry on paper towels.

3. Chop the ramps into pieces.

4. Put the self-rising flour, cornmeal, 1 cup all-purpose flour, salt, sugar, white pepper, baking soda, and baking powder in a large bowl and whisk to mix well. Add the onion and half of the chopped ramps and mix well. Lightly beat the eggs in a medium bowl, then whisk in the milk, buttermilk, and lard. Stir the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients.

5. Pour the canola oil into a deep fryer or a large pot and heat it to 350 F.

6. While the oil is heating, blend the remaining ramps in a blender on high, adding just



This recipe makes about 32 hushpuppies. PETER FRANK EDWARDS

enough water to keep them moving, until very smooth, about 4 minutes. Add the purée to the batter. (Because the size and moisture content of the ramps vary, you may need to add all-purpose flour to batter after frying a test hushpuppy.)

7. When the oil is hot, dip a 1-oz scoop into the hot oil to coat it, then fill the scoop with

batter and tap it a time or two to release any air pockets. Hold the scoop 1 inch above the hot oil and carefully drop the batter into the oil. If the batter seems too thin, add more all-purpose flour, whisking until smooth. The desired result is a hushpuppy that is golden brown and crispy on the outside and light as a feather inside. When the batter is correct, carefully fold in the crab.

8. Scoop the batter into the hot oil, without crowding the hushpuppies, and fry, without touching them, for about 1 minute. Then carefully tap the hushpuppies to loosen them if they have stuck to the fryer basket or the bottom of the fryer or pot and fry until golden brown, 5 to 7 minutes. Transfer the hushpuppies to one of the prepared baking sheets. Repeat until you've used all the batter. Be sure that the oil returns to 350 F before you put in the next batch.

9. Bake hushpuppies about 4 minutes to ensure they are cooked through. Drain on paper towels and serve hot, alongside dressing for dipping.

Ingredients

Hushpuppies

- 1/2 lb ramps, cleaned and hairy root ends removed
- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 2 cups cornmeal
- 1 to 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp kosher salt
- 1 1/2 tsp sugar
- 1 1/4 tsp white pepper
- 1 1/2 teaspoons each baking soda, and baking powder
- 1/4 cup small sweet onion, diced
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tbsp buttermilk
- 1/4 cup lard, melted
- 8 cups canola oil
- 1 1/2 cups fresh crabmeat, picked over for shells, cartilage
- Green Goddess Dressing

Green Goddess Dressing

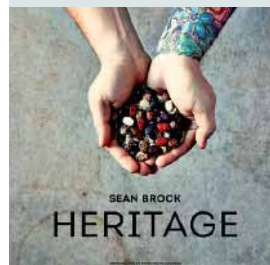
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup chopped scallions (white and green parts)
- 1 cup chopped basil
- 3/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 tsp chopped garlic
- 2 oil-packed anchovies
- 2 tsp kosher salt
- 1 tsp ground white pepper
- 1 cup sour cream

Green Goddess Dressing

1. Combine the mayonnaise, scallions, basil, lemon juice, garlic, anchovies, salt, and white pepper in a blender and blend until smooth. Add the sour cream and process just until blended. The dressing will keep in the refrigerator for up to 5 days. **EXCERPTED FROM HERITAGE BY SEAN BROCK (ARTISAN BOOKS). COPYRIGHT © 2014.**

Cookbook of the Week

Southern comfort



Sean Brock is out to preserve the heritage foods of the American south with his aptly titled book, *Heritage*. The offerings include a blend of comfort food and high-end restaurant food (for when you have more time to cook). Specific recipes include Pickled Shrimp, Crispy Pig Ear Lettuce Wraps, Slow-Cooked Pork Shoulder with Tomato Gravy and Sweet Potato Doughnuts. **METRO**

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Safari Jeff will have some slithery friends on hand at the Ontario Science Centre from March 14-22. COURTESY OF THE ONTARIO SCIENCE CENTRE



Learn more about how the Toronto Zoo uses enrichment items to engage animals, as seen here with a tiger. COURTESY OF THE TORONTO ZOO

Get ready, set for a real breathe-easy staycation

Family plan. If travel and camp aren't in the cards this March break, play tourist in the city with your kids in tow

TINA ANSON MINE
For Metro

March break staycation: Three words that can cause even the most intrepid parent to hyperventilate. Here's a six-day plan to keep the whole family entertained without ever leaving the GTA.

Day 1: Hit the slopes

For just \$29.95, Grade 4 and 5 students can enjoy a SnowPass, which gives them three visits to each of 150-plus Canadian ski areas (32 in Ontario alone) all winter long.

Visit snowpass.ca to sign up. Or head to Centennial Park or Earl Bales ski and snowboard centres for a ski holiday right in the city. A day pass is

\$33 for all ages. Visit toronto.ca/parks.

Day 2: Feed your brain

The Ontario Science Centre has tons of learning-oriented activities running between March 14-22.

Check out reptiles up close with Safari Jeff, visit the amazing Brain: The Inside Story exhibit or enjoy the perennially popular, hair-raising electricity demo. These and many more activities are free for members or with general admission (adult, \$22; youth age 13 to 17, \$16; child age three to 12, \$13; child age two or younger, free). Visit ontariosciencecentre.ca.

Day 3: Have a sweet day

The Sugarbush Maple Syrup Festival is in full swing over March break.

Three GTA conservation areas — Kortright in Woodbridge, Bruce's Mill in Stouffville, and Terra Cotta in Halton Hills — serve up maple syrup-themed activities for the entire family. Learn how the sweet

stuff is made and sample the results, then stay for nature walks, hayrides, games and more. Prices and times vary by location (advance tickets may be required). Visit maplesyrupfest.com.

Day 4: Go back in time

From March 16-22, use your investigative powers for Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Tricky Thief at Black Creek Pioneer Village. Find clues throughout the village, question the villagers and create your own disguise.

It's free for members or with regular admission (adult, \$15; child age five to 14, \$11; child age four or younger, free). Visit blackcreek.ca.

Or head to the Markham Museum from March 14-21 for an afternoon of old-fashioned blacksmithing, printing, and pottery and textile making. Activities are free with regular admission (family pass, \$16; adult, \$6; child age two to 12, \$4). For more, please visit markhammuseum.ca.

Day 5: Play hard

YMCA of Greater Toronto has plenty of healthy, active fun on tap for families, including swimming, yoga, rock climbing and sports (pickleball, anyone?).

Not a YMCA member? Until Sunday, visit 5ways. ymcagta.org to get a free five-visit pass. Or buy a day pass; daily drop-in fees vary from \$7 to \$15 per person. For activity schedules at your local branch, visit ymcagta.org.

Day 6: Warm up

At the Toronto Zoo, visit six toasty indoor tropical pavilions — including an orchid exhibit in the Malayan Woods — then help build enrichment items for the animals (such as snack boxes for pandas). The zoo's March Break Enrichment Extravaganza program runs from March 14-22. Activities are free for members and included in regular admission (adult, \$23; child age three to 12, \$14; child age two or younger, free). Visit torontozoo.com.

Stressing? Keep the break in March break

TANYA ENBERG
For Metro

March break can be a blast for kids, but stressful for parents tasked with the job of finding boredom-busting ways of keeping energetic youngsters busy.

For those unable to book time off, March break can be even more daunting: There is a mad scramble to juggle work, secure reliable childcare, while trying to squeeze in quality family time, said Ann Douglas, bestselling author of *The Mother of All Pregnancy Books* and *The Mother of All Baby Books*.

"This can definitely be a challenge — and a major source of stress," Douglas said. "Parents may feel torn between their desire to do what's best for their kids and their desire to meet their obligations at work. The good news is that a lot of families are facing this very same challenge and there are ways to work together to solve the problem."

Consider calling upon personal networks within your community, she said.

"If, for example, you know another family in your neighbourhood trying to line up childcare for the March break, maybe you could split the work week down the middle, with each family taking half a week of vacation — and providing care for their own children and the other family's children on those days — and working half the week."

Meanwhile, it may be the perfect week to arrange a sleepover at grandma's or a stay with your child's favourite cousin.

For those who can wrangle a vacation day or two, plan a memorable activity. Think ski day, an afternoon at the in-



March break can be a tough time for parents trying to juggle work and family time. SHUTTERSTOCK

door pool, visit the local craft centre, or play tourists in your own town.

Perhaps avoiding March break crowds is more your speed. No problem: Pick up baking or crafting supplies and enjoy a creative day at home with the kids.

For parents working the whole week, with the help of your children, brainstorm ways to maximize post-work fun. Try filling a jar with activities the family would enjoy and select one each night.

"Tackle a special project, like making videos sharing fun family memories or your memories of your children's baby days," Douglas said.

"Plan a series of dinners with fun and wacky themes — pirate night or picnic at the beach — with each member of the family taking the initiative for planning the menu for a different night. Or schedule some fun outings. It could be as simple as heading to the nearest park to toss a Frisbee around in the snow."

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Make sure to hit the road right with kids

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Taking your children on the road can expose them to new cultures or simply to some much-needed vitamin D on a sunny beach. Planning is key, but arranging the details — and gear — can be stressful. But with some expert tips, your March break family vacation can actually be relaxing.

When you are planning

Thanks to recent measles outbreaks, vaccinations are a hot topic. For common travel-related illnesses, such as traveller's diarrhea, the choice to vaccinate is a matter of parents' risk tolerance, said Mark Wise, a family physician, who specializes in travel medicine and writes the blog drwise-travel.com.

When you are getting ready to go

How do you bring everything

you need without bringing everything you own? "Use a list and check it twice," said Corinne McDermott, the founder of havebabywill-travel.com and a seasoned traveller with two children. McDermott's website offers "the mother of all packing lists" and a "carry-on packing list," which cover everything from toiletries to clothes to consent letters for children travelling with one parent or other adults. And don't forget: "Count your bags and carry-ons and remember the number," McDermott said.

When you arrive

Jet lag can make kids fussy. "For short trips with small changes, it may be worth it to stay on your home time zone," McDermott said. "For bigger trips with greater time changes, start living in your new time zone as much as possible." That means hitting the hay and getting up at your regular times in the new time



A set of headphones and a colouring book can make a long flight zip by for children. SHUTTERSTOCK

zone. Fresh air, exercise and sunlight can help get you up to speed more quickly.

When you get home

"It's important to immediately slide back into your usual routine and tolerate a day or two of 'vacation hangover,'" McDermott said. If you can, build in a day at home to relax and wash your mountain of laundry before returning to work and school. If a break isn't possible, jump straight in — there's always coffee to get the grownups through the first day back.

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A western view of Toronto's condominium skyline. DUNCAN MCALLISTER

Condo market spotlight

Real estate. Condo sales falter over winter, but new home sales are healthy, report says



CONDO TRENDS
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As we head into the spring season, real estate's busiest time, Metro looks at what's in store for the Toronto market for highrise and otherwise. One report has GTA condo sales down 25 per cent in January, and the price gap between highrise and single-family homes continues to widen as the city-wide demand for houses outpaces supply.

The latest report from RealNet Canada says that new

highrise sales in the GTA fell 25 per cent in January. Is this a bad omen for unsold condo inventory? No need to panic: RealNet says the new home sales are healthy, as they're in line with historical averages.

It's a different story if you factor in single-family homes. According to the Toronto Real Estate Board (TREB), GTA home sales actually surged nearly 15 per cent in the first half of February. That's based on sales of existing homes in the first two weeks of February, a 14.9 per cent jump over the same point in 2014.

And nationally, it's a different story altogether, according to the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA). Home sales across the board in Canada fell 3.1 per cent between December and January. The average reflects weakened activity in oil provinces such as Alberta and Saskatch-

Quoted

"Inventory levels remain low and there are still more buyers than there are listings, so that continues to prop up our prices."

David Batori, Re/max sales representative

ewan, although the weakness in these markets is not believed to affect other Canadian markets at this stage.

What say the agents? Re/max sales representative, David Batori works in Toronto's Forest Hill North area. "January and February this year have exceeded my last year, which was one of the busiest years for my business in the 25 years I've been doing this."

Like many real estate agents, Batori is optimistic

that Toronto is headed into a strong housing market this year. "There's been continued negativity from different analysts and different individuals in the Economist magazine, the World Bank, all these different organizations are basically stating that Toronto is 20, 30, 40 per cent overvalued. That may be the case, but in the meantime, inventory levels remain low and there are still more buyers than there are listings, so that continues to prop up our prices and continues this ongoing strength."

Harvey Kalles sales representative Jennifer Greenberg is cautiously optimistic. "I think it'll have a similar strength as we saw last year. Every year things increase in value, so that doesn't surprise me that we'll see slightly higher sale prices than what we saw from last year."

Legal Matters

Not-so-special assessment

I am in the process of purchasing a condo and my lawyer has reviewed the status certificate where he discovered that there was a special assessment against the condo corporation and wants us to go back to the other side and ask them for a reduction in the purchaser price. I don't quite understand this process. Can you explain it?



LEGAL MATTERS
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A special assessment is a charge agreed to by the condo board of directors to cover off either unforeseen expenses for the building as a whole or to bring the reserve fund back into balance. Obviously in this circumstance, the board has deemed that it needs to ask for extra funds from each of the current owners. One of the reasons your lawyer reviewed the status was that this assessment will be exposed (by law) and caught before these expenses become the charges against the condo for the new owners.

You should allow your lawyer to address this issue and get a reduction in the purchase price for the estimated amount of the charges. Not to worry. These special assessments are not unusual but they should be handled with care.

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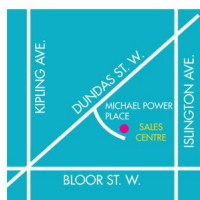
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VIDA Condos in Bayview Village. CONTRIBUTED

Quiet Bayview Village locale close to transit

Meet the condo

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- **Website.** vidacondos.com

Project overview

This new midrise project by Castle Group is composed of three buildings with a stepped design that backs onto a quiet residential area in an enviable location across from the subway and shopping.

Location and transit

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Building amenities

The condo features a Wi-Fi club lounge and a private party room. There's a landscaped courtyard with barbecue, a professionally-equipped fitness centre, a VIP sports bar and a master guest suite.

In the neighbourhood

Shopping is nearby at the Bayview Village Shopping Centre. Closer to Yonge, there's the Art Gallery of North York and the Toronto Centre for the Arts. There's plenty of green space including Rean Park, Hawksbury Park and Bayview Village Park.

What's hot on the condo market



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1. Bayview Village

Priority Preview: Lotus Condominiums in Bayview Village is holding a preview sales event this week at their sales centre, located at 500 Sheppard Ave. E., across from the Bayview subway station.

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2. Dundas East

Open House: One Park Place South Tower condos are holding a sales incentive and open-house event at their presentation centre this week. Head over to 500 Dundas St. E. in downtown Toronto.

CONTACT: 416-955-0559, DANIELSONEPARKPLACE.COM

3. Queen West

Condo Seminar: How to buy a loft presentation at The Carnaby in the Queen Street West neighbourhood. Head over to the presentation centre at 8 Gladstone Ave., on March 12 from 12 to 7 p.m.

CONTACT: 416.690.9009, INFO@CARNABYLOFTS.COM

4. Waterfront

Open House: Waterfront condo at Aquarius, featuring a 663-square-foot, one-bedroom suite. Visit 219 Fort York Blvd., on March 14 from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Our judging panel has narrowed down the list to eight finalists — four highrise and four ground-related — and we set up a website to make voting as easy as typing in a URL and clicking on your favourite entry. See it for yourself at bildpca.ca and cast your vote.

But there's more! We've set up a display at the Direct Energy Centre to take place this weekend during the National Home Show. Everyone attending

the show can see all the finalists on large poster boards right at the entrance, then vote for their favourite project on their smartphone. Some of our member volunteers will be on site to lend a hand, too.

The National Home Show runs March 14-22 and you can see the display during both weekends. Voting takes only a few seconds, and you can track the results at bildpca.ca. We'll announce the winners on April 24 and I can't wait to see if the judges' winner matches who the public selects.

You can learn more by visiting nationalhome-show.com and buying your tickets online will save you \$3 off regular admission.

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The light colours that dominate this entryway are set off by the strategic use of contrasting black accents in the table and throw pillows, and the black table. TRIA GIOVAN/COASTAL LIVING/BURNHAM DESIGN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Black: The dark horse of decor neutrals

Accents. Make any room's colour scheme pop by adding just the right amount of black

There are plenty of practical reasons to decorate with neutral colours. The shades we think of as neutral — whites, beiges, tans — don't clash with anything. They are calm, soothing and never go out of style.

There's just one problem.

"Beiges and neutrals," says designer Brian Patrick Flynn, "can be super boring."

To solve that dilemma, designers like Flynn have a simple trick for making an entirely neutral room feel as edgy and exciting as one filled with bold colours. Bring in the only neutral colour that isn't bland: Black.

Mixing in the right amount of black accents, print fabrics or furniture can make the white, beige or tan shades in a room look more interesting, putting them in the spotlight.

How much black is too much, and how do you make sure a room done in this colour scheme really pops?

Here, Flynn, the founder of Flynnside Out Productions, and two other design experts — Seattle-based Brian Paquette and Betsy Burnham of Burnham Design in Los Angeles — offer advice on mixing the darkest and lightest of shades for a truly beautiful result.

Making black less intense
A sleek, shiny, black dining table

Fresh and modern

Create a chic mix of black

You don't need an entirely black wall or a solid black sofa. "Sprinkle it around," says Burnham, by adding things like print fabrics that include black.

"There's something about a fabric when it's grounded with a little bit of black in it," she says. "It just becomes chic."

Flynn agrees: "Anytime I can use a black-and-white print, I do," he says, "especially classic prints like checks, plaids and gingham. If black and white is too contrast-y, consider a mix of charcoal,

brown and taupe. My closet doors are upholstered in a classic ikat featuring those colours, and although it's traditional in style, it's fresh and modern in application."

For extra punch, Paquette suggests covering throw pillows in a print that includes black, then sewing a solid band of black or charcoal fabric about 1.5 inches thick around the edges of the pillow. "It allows the print to really stand out," he says.

Paquette also loves black metal accents on light fixtures. Consider a black lamp shade on a lamp with an antique brass metal base, he says, finished with a black braided

electrical cord. He also likes black metal chair legs, and windows with just the casements painted black. "It's just something that sort of draws the eye in," he says.

Another option: "Art is a great way to use neutrals in a one-of-a-kind manner," Flynn says. "I'm a huge fan of mixing modern pieces with traditional oil portraits. When you choose dark oil portraits and hang them on light neutral walls, the juxtaposition of the light and the heavy is fantastic."

One thing Paquette avoids: photos in black frames. He thinks they're overdone, and white frames do a better job of spotlighting photos.



Black furniture and black accents bring out the beauty of the softer, neutral shades of white and tan in this living room.

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In one's element

"Glass and wrought iron, and even driftwood, look great with black finishes. It takes some of the weight out of it."

Interior designer Betsy Burnham

"I think most people have an aversion to beige because of the super yellowy, flesh-toned beige that was popular mixed with mauve and brass in the 1980s," says Flynn.

"But if you're going to do beige, stick with sand tones that have a lot of white in them. The absence of yellow makes the colour much lighter and even beachy."

Another way to make beige work: Use a mix of pale grey and beige, known as "greige." Flynn says "greige" is also a good alternative to white. It's warmer than a true white or ultra-white, so it doesn't "come across as clinical or sterile."

Getting your beiges right

Beige and black can be wonderful together, or awful if you use the wrong shade of beige.

Pairing black with brown

Another way to make a neutral room look fabulous, Burnham says, is to add brown as well as black. As with classic, leather riding boots, "a mix of black and brown is really sophisticated," she says.

"Throw some cream into that, and some oatmeal," she says, and you'll have a casually elegant room that's remarkable and yet still neutral.

Paquette is also a fan of that pairing, especially in lighting and furniture: Think of a black leather sling chair with walnut legs, he says, or a lamp that combines black and a deep shade of brass. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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These little lights, let 'em shine

Lighting can make or break the look and mood of your home, from uninviting over-lit rooms to paintings that disappear because there's no light. Every room needs three sources of lighting: accent, task and ambient. Here are the best forms of these lights and how to use them in a room



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Accent lighting

Accent lighting creates a moody environment and helps to brighten dark corners and highlight art. It's great as a night light to welcome you when you come home late or when you don't want your house completely dark at night. Highlighting a plant, sculpture or painting an easy way to add a spark of light to a room without totally illuminating it.



Create drama:
Shine a light through your houseplants to create an exotic atmosphere.
Canarm Theo Adjustable Lamp, \$30, HomeDepot.ca



Wall hung: Highlight a picture or simply wash a wall with light. Reynolds Library Bookcase Sconce, \$199, PotteryBarn.com



Directed wall hung: Read in bed without getting light in your eyes. Morgan Ivory Sconce, \$179, CrateAndBarrel.com

Task lighting

Task lighting is directed light to help you with a task such as reading, preparing food or working on hobbies. A swing-arm reading lamp or under-cupboard kitchen lights are prime examples of task lighting. This type of lighting is best planned after you move into your home and know where you need specific lighting.



Under counters: Brighten your countertops in the kitchen with under-counter lighting. Westek Plug-In Cabinet LED Puck Light Kit, \$16 per light, Lowes.ca



Uplighting: Shine light up to illuminate the ceiling and brighten a room. Fabrizio Steel Floor Lamp, \$269, BedBathAndBeyond.ca

Flush-mount ceiling fixture: Illuminate a kitchen or bathroom with overall light. Sienna Flush Mount, \$525, Elte.com



Ambient light

Ambient lighting is an overall bright source used in spaces like workshops or laundry rooms. Every room should have them as they are useful for brightening the entire room for cleaning chores or parties. This type of lighting usually comes in the form of an overhead flush-mount light fixture or a torchiere-style floor lamp that directs light onto the ceiling, reflecting it back into the room.

Pick a perfect pink piece

This season's living room furniture comes in generous and inviting shapes and wears subtle shades of pink, from peach to pale rosewood. These items are ideal for creating a cosy space to curl up in

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Create a quiet, private space with two-tone collection

All about protection and comfort, the Log and Dooly collection by Désio consists of several folding screens made with Bultex foam, which can be used to create private spaces that are isolated from exterior noise. Matching two-tone sofas and chairs complete the cosy ambiance (from approximately \$1,610). DÉSIO

Made of wool, cotton and foam, the Nubilo sofa by Constance Guiset for Petite Friture resembles something between a cloud and a pastry. Macaron-shaped cushions in various sizes and colors are stacked along the sofa for "maximum comfort," according to the designer (approximately \$3,280-\$4,070). PETITE FRITURE



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Spring calls for a change of greenery

Houseplants. Low-maintenance, affordable, and definitely worth the trouble, plants can be a vibrant decor element

In homes where space and time are precious, the future of the humble houseplant may depend on whether it can earn its keep.

Houseplants that endure tend to be either undemanding succulents, edible herbs, or plants that add enough to a room's ambiance that they're worth some extra effort. And a huge variety of plants are both easy and worth the minimal effort, say plant lovers Tara Heibel and Tassy de Give.



Rooted in Design

Their new book, *Rooted in Design* (Ten Speed Press, 2015), demonstrates that houseplants can be a beautiful and creative element in a home's decor.

Houseplants connect the city dweller to the natural world and remind us of that symbiotic relationship, write Heibel and de Give, founders of Sprout Home, an indoor landscaping store in Chicago, Ill. and Brooklyn, N.Y.

"A room filled with plants can be calming and inspirational as well as incredibly personal and expressive. Even aloe, a common

Short on space? Plants are happy to hang out on a wall

"It's easy to get pigeonholed into certain ideas about plants — that they always have to be in a certain kind of container or always be on a shelf or on the floor — and you have to help people break out of that. Many people now have a really small living environment and think they don't have room for plants, but hanging plants on a wall doesn't take up any space at all, and it adds a lot to the decor."

Rooted in Design co-author Tara Heibel



Philodendron "Brazil" climbing vines. MARIA LAWSON/RAMSAY DE GIVE/PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE/TEN SPEED PRESS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

household plant, can exude complexity and style when displayed creatively," they write.

Dividing the home into sectors — wall, ledge, floor,

air, table, kitchen and terrariums (including some for aquatic plants) — the authors suggest ways to present and care for a variety of indoor greenery.

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Upcycled containers

Unlike many other glossy design books, this one shows images of what look like actual, lived-in homes — several photos include cats — with some startling yet down-to-earth upcycling suggestions for plant containers, including mason jars, decorative cookie tins, and even glass electric-meter boxes and unused table lamps (with a cascading plant where a lamp shade might have been).

Old picture frames become stunning displays of maintenance-free dried moss (step-by-step instructions with full-colour images included), and pieces of driftwood are dramatic mounts

So many ways to plant one on

Houseplants can be practical, too, serving as walls or screens, or providing soothing aromas. Well-chosen plants can be considered an alternative to cut flowers, or viewed as tiny works of art.

- Trays of miniature succulents in various shapes, colours and textures "can be irresistibly small and sweet and inexpensive, like candy," Heibel said.



Cascading vines of euphorbia milii, rhipsalis, hoyo, sedum, and aloe. MARIA LAWSON/RAMSAY DE GIVE/PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE/TEN SPEED PRESS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

for ferns. Helped along by a few small nails or hooks, philodendron and bougainvillea can be trained to grow across an indoor wall, dramatically spanning anywhere from five to 25 feet.

Macramé plant hangers and terrariums, features from a generation ago, are back, but with a more contemporary feel.

"Our macramé is cleaner, more streamlined and more contemporary-looking," says Heibel. "And the terrariums have much more use of graphic material and colour and texture and shape."

The book's final section, *The Roots*, gives a plant-by-plant glossary of possibilities, with troubleshooting suggestions.

A plant that's hard to kill

"The most frequent question we're asked is to recommend a plant that's hard to kill," Heibel said. "That definition differs from per-

son to person. Maybe one person goes out of town for a month and another waters too much. People often don't really think about care and maintenance before putting a grand indoor landscaping plan together. We want to make sure that what you're planting lives."

Two common misperceptions about houseplants, the authors say, is that they all require roughly the same care (they don't) and that they'll always look like they do when first purchased.

"You might look at a young fern in a shop and think it's perfect, but you need to know that ferns grow and you'll need to do some pruning," Heibel says. "And people buy a succulent that's cute and small, but then it grows a really long stalk or does other funny things. That's actually part of the beauty of it, but it sometimes comes as a surprise."

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Leafs a shade better than Sabres in shootout

NHL. Buffalo leading race to the bottom after Eastern Conference clash of cellar-dwellers at ACC

While Buffalo general manager Tim Murray watched Connor McDavid play for the Erie Otters, the Sabres and the Toronto Maple Leafs faced off with fans of both teams hoping to get hockey's "Next One."

What the Leafs gave the Sabres in the form of turnovers, the Sabres returned with ill-advised penalties that let the game reach overtime. It went all the way to the shootout, and Jonathan Bernier stopped all three shots to give the Leafs a 4-3 win and a second point Wednesday night.

Next month, ping-pong balls will be more valuable than points when the NHL draft lottery determines which team will get the chance to select McDavid first overall. Buffalo (19-42-6) remains in the driver's seat for last place and a 20 per cent chance, three points back of the Edmonton Oilers.

Toronto (27-35-6) passed the Carolina Hurricanes to move into 26th overall with 14 games left. That would give them an 8.5 per cent chance of landing McDavid, whose point streak ended Wednesday night at 27 games as his Otters topped the Niagara IceDogs 3-0.

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Buffalo's Zach Bogosian knocks the Leafs' Brandon Kozun off the puck in the second period on Wednesday night at Air Canada Centre. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Another day at the off-ice issues

Kadri sits 2 more games

Concerned about a trend of off-ice issues, the Toronto Maple Leafs are holding Nazem Kadri out of the next two games.

President Brendan Shanahan said Kadri's problems go beyond being late for a team meeting Sunday, the incident that served as the impetus for this team suspension.

"It's time for him to start making better decisions," Shanahan said Wednesday. "There's a history here and there comes a point in the careers of many hockey players in similar situations, there comes a point where you've got to grow up. Naz is 24 now. This is not something that we felt would benefit him if we swept it under the rug."

Kadri was not available to speak with reporters. On Monday, when he was a healthy scratch against the New York



Nazem Kadri
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Islanders, the centre said he apologized to teammates and coaches for what he called an "uncharacteristic" mistake.

The Leafs' punishment made it clear this isn't so uncharacteristic. Shanahan said there have been "some incidents" in Kadri's past but refused to go into details. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB. Jays left with hole in rotation and clubhouse

It's going to be hard to replace injured Marcus Stroman's personality as much as his pitching, the Blue Jays say.

"Obviously, his attitude and his smile he brings every day, (losing) that part of it sucks," Jays veteran starter Mark Buehrle said the day after the right-hander suffered a torn knee ligament during a routine fielding drill that is expected to knock him out for the season.

Stroman spoke publicly Wednesday for the first time since the injury. He said he hopes to push the envelope on the time frame if possible.

"It's pretty set that there's (no comeback this season), but

On Wednesday

Drew Hutchison continued his success against Baltimore, pitching four scoreless innings in the Toronto Blue Jays' 5-2 win over the Orioles on Wednesday in Sarasota, Fla. Hutchison, is now 4-1 with a 2.29 ERA versus Baltimore.

who knows — maybe playoffs, 'pen ... (but) you have to trust the process," Stroman said. "I just have to focus on the rehab and getting better."

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NBA. Bulls buckle down to end losing streak in Philly

Aaron Brooks scored seven of his season-high 31 points in overtime to help the short-handed Chicago Bulls beat the Philadelphia 76ers 104-95 on Wednesday night.

Pau Gasol had 27 points and 16 rebounds, and Nikola Mirotic finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Bulls. They snapped a three-game skid without four regulars and three of their top five scorers.

Ish Smith had a career-high 23 points for the 76ers.

The Bulls (40-26) now sit a game ahead of the Raptors (38-26) for third place in the Eastern Conference.

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Bulls forward Pau Gasol shoots against the 76ers' Thomas Robinson on Wednesday night in Philadelphia. MATT SLOCUM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wednesday in sports



1 Boxing. No need to fight for viewership

Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Manny Pacquiao made their first joint appearance to promote their highly anticipated May 2 bout. Mayweather will get 60 per cent of the purse from, a haul that could exceed \$120 million.

2 NFL. Colts go big at WR

Star receiver Andre Johnson, a two-time All-Pro and seven-time Pro Bowler, joined the Indianapolis Colts two days after being dropped by the Houston Texans.

3 MLB. A-Rod hits 1st homer after PED odyssey

Alex Rodriguez hit his first home run since returning to the Yankees following a drug suspension in New York's 10-6 loss to the Boston Red Sox.

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Scrubb brothers look to cap CIS careers in style

Basketball. Dynamic duo leads Carleton in hunt for school's fifth straight national title

Canada's national basketball team was playing in Las Vegas one summer, when Lloyd Scrubb showed up at the game with his sons Philip and Thomas in tow.

The brothers were in high school and interested in playing for the Carleton Ravens. But Carleton coach Dave Smart — an assistant coach with the Canadian team on that trip — barely looked twice at the boys.

"They didn't look very good, to be honest ... they were pretty gangly back then," Smart said.

Some seven years later, the brothers comprise the cornerstone of Canada's university basketball powerhouse and

Final 8 tournament schedule	
THURSDAY	SATURDAY
Quarter-final 1: Carleton (1) vs. Saskatchewan (8), 11 a.m.	Consolation bracket
QF2: Victoria (4) vs. Dalhousie (5), 1 p.m.	Consolation winners, 2 p.m.
QF3: Windsor (2) vs. Ryerson (7), 6 p.m.	Championship semifinals
QF4: Ottawa (3) vs. Bishop's (6), 8 p.m.	Winners QF1 vs. QF2, 6 p.m.
	Winners QF3 vs. QF4, 8:30 p.m.
FRIDAY	SUNDAY
Consolation bracket	Bronze-medal game
Losers QF1 vs. QF2, 2 p.m.	Semifinal losers, 11:30 a.m.
Losers QF3 vs. QF4, 4 p.m.	Championship game
	Semifinal winners, 3 p.m.
	*All games at the Mattamy Athletic Centre

will cap their CIS careers at this week's Final 8 tournament.

Phil is a three-time CIS MVP, and both brothers have won the CIS tournament MVP award.

"Shows how much I know," Smart said with a laugh. "I would love to tell

you I knew what the hell I was doing, but I had no idea. I didn't know if they'd be any good at all. I'd love to tell you I saw it, but I didn't."

Carleton tips off the tournament as the undisputed favourite, winners of 10 of the past 12 national titles. It went 17-2 in the CIS regular season,

then edged Ryerson 84-80 and clobbered Windsor 103-59 to win last weekend's OUA conference championship.

Thomas and Philip, whose dad played for the University of Victoria and mom for Bishop's, grew up playing on the same youth teams in Richmond, B.C. Thomas, the older brother by 14 months, arrived in Ottawa first, but red-shirted his first season — hence, the two will graduate together.

Philip, a left-handed guard, was already a gifted scorer when he arrived at Carleton.

Thomas, a right-handed forward who, at six-foot-six is three inches taller than Philip, took longer to develop — and it was clearly worth the wait for the Ravens, as Thomas fashioned a two-way game that has him leading the Ravens this season in points (17.6) and rebounds (7.6) per game. Philip is second in scoring (16.6). **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



The Carleton Ravens' Philip Scrubb is a three-time CIS MVP. Scrubb and his brother, Thomas, who is also a teammate, will cap their CIS careers at this week's Final 8 tournament. **THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE**

MLS

Labour deal of 2010-14 was never finalized

Turns out Major League Soccer never had a finalized labour contract over the past five years, a situation players and management hope to rectify following their agreement in principle last week on a new deal through 2019.

The new labour agreement increases minimum salaries but cuts the roster size of each team from 30 to 28.

Players and the league reached a memorandum of understanding five days before the 2010 season opener but never took the time to draft a full collective bargaining agreement. Management and the union instead operated under the memorandum of understanding they signed, which in labour negotiations lists the modifications the sides agree will be made to their previous contract.

Last week's MLS deal creates free agency for the first time. Players 28 and older can become free agents if they have eight seasons of MLS service and their contracts have expired.

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Soccer. England beats Canada in Cyprus Cup final

The Canadian women's soccer team leaves the Cyprus Cup without the championship, but with a few lessons learned.

Lianne Sanderson's 68th-minute goal lifted England to a 1-0 win in Wednesday's final, marking the first time the Canadian goal had been breached in four games at the tournament.

Sanderson scored from 15 yards after Jordan Nobbs' through ball.

"I think they probably had three shots on goal the whole game," Canadian coach John Herdman said. "They broke away. We were on attack in their half and two passes later they're behind our two centre backs. They capitalized.

"So it was just disappointing because we'd talked and worked tactically on trying to make sure they didn't release someone on that phase of the game and it happened. I guess our two young centre backs will learn from it."

The Canadian women also lost some of their structure in the last 10 minutes while they chased a tying goal, Herdman said. "I think that's a massive learning for us in the next three months, just to start tidying up some of those tournament processes that we've



Christine Sinclair, left, of Canada challenges England's Alex Greenwood for the ball during the Cyprus Cup final in Nicosia, Wednesday. **PETROS KARADJIAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

been putting in place."

Canada almost tied it in stoppage time, but England goalie Siobhan Chamberlain stopped Allysha Chapman's shot from 20 yards out.

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Injury

Forward Melissa Tancredi left in the first half with a possible broken nose after slipping and making contact with an English player.

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Ten-man PSG knock Chelsea out of Europe



David Luiz celebrates after teammate Thiago Silva's goal sent Paris Saint-Germain through to the Champions League quarter-finals at Stamford Bridge in London on Wednesday. PAUL GILHAM/GETTY IMAGES

Thiago Silva sent 10-man Paris Saint-Germain into the Champions League quarter-finals on away goals after a 2-2 draw (3-3 on agg.) at Chelsea in extra time of a fiery and ill-disciplined game on Wednesday.

Although PSG had striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic sent off in the 31st minute for a contentious challenge on Oscar, the visitors still provided the greater threat at Stamford Bridge.

Gary Cahill had given Chelsea the lead in the 81st minute — after a 1-1 draw in the first leg — but former Chelsea player David Luiz headed PSG level to send the game into extra time. Eden Hazard restored Chelsea's lead from a penalty,

In Munich

PSG advances to the last eight along with Bayern Munich, which advanced by routing Shakhtar Donetsk 7-0 on Wednesday following a 0-0 draw in the first leg in Ukraine.

but Thiago Silva's looping header in the 114th minute allowed PSG to avenge last season's loss to Chelsea in the quarterfinals.

"Our performance was not good enough," Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho said. "They were stronger than us."

Referee Bjorn Kuipers's in-

stant reaction to Ibrahimovic's lunging challenge into Oscar was to send off the Sweden forward. Even though Kuipers was already preparing to brandish the red card, he was surrounded by furious Chelsea players, some demanding a stretcher for Oscar.

Then the action switched from the hostilities between the players to the goalmouth, with two goals in five minutes.

PSG failed to clear a corner and Gary Cahill was primed to strike into the net. It was advantage Chelsea, but PSG's requirements hadn't changed — the visitors always had to score. And they achieved that in the 86th minute when Luiz

powered a header into the top of the net from a corner.

In extra time, the hosts took just five minutes to go in front.

Silva used his raised arm to prevent Kurt Zouma from meeting a cross with a header. This time Kuipers immediately pointed to the spot and Hazard coolly slotted the ball into the net.

Courtois protected Chelsea's lead by tipping over a dipping free kick from Luiz and then making a fine save in the second half of injury time from Silva. But from the resulting corner, Silva's powerful followup header flew into the top corner.

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♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You may have to rethink your plans over the next few days as Saturn begins a retrograde phase. Don't give up on them completely though.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Take a look at your financial position and decide what steps need to be taken to improve your long-term security. Your main priority is to cut back on unnecessary expenses.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Know your limits and stay within them. No matter how far or fast you travel it's likely that something will bring you back to earth with a bump.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

It seems you've finally realized that you have been wasting a lot of time and energy on something that is not worth the effort. It will fade in importance over the next few days.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Saturn, the great taskmaster of the zodiac, is urging you to be realistic about your aims and modest about your abilities.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

The time has come to admit that a partnership is not working out as well as you expected. It's no big deal, and it is certainly not your fault. Some people you can do business with and some you cannot.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Today, check once, check twice, then check a third time. Whatever you are planning you must make sure you have covered all the angles because a small detail could trip you up.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You will get what you deserve to get today, nothing more and nothing less. Now that you know that you won't be inclined to complain if what you get falls short of expectations.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Saturn in your sign warns life is not as straightforward as you seem to think. What happens over the next few days will encourage you to plan ahead.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You are convinced that the roof is going to fall in on you. So it will come as a nice surprise today when something wonderful happens instead.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You will have to re-think certain ambitions over the next few days. New information will come to light that will make you realize there is more work involved than you imagined.

♓ Pisces

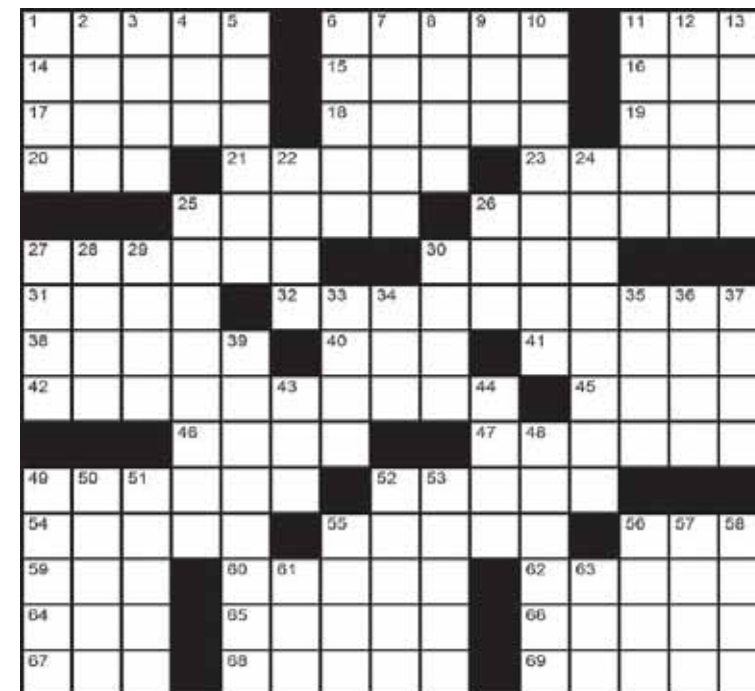
Feb. 20 - March 20

Don't get hung-up on long-term career plans. Yes, you can and must keep moving in your favoured direction but there is no need to be so rigid about it.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. "The Brothers ____" (2005)
6. One-____ (Biased)
11. Speed ____
14. Mythological weeper
15. Restaurants: "Can I see ____ please?"
16. "Gimme ____!" (O-T-T-A-W-A cheer-starter)
17. "I now pronounce you..." site
18. Carnivore's dish, ____ lamb
19. Drivel
20. Ms. Leoni
21. Ms. Kudrow's
23. Senses
25. Late night host Mr. O'Brien
26. Truly
27. Tourist attractions
30. Victoria-born artist Emily
31. In this spot
32. Nissan vehicle
38. Susan's "All My Children" role
40. Old Rome's deuce-ace
41. Harry ____ (Sarnia, Ontario born hockey analyst)
42. Canadian fashion brand founded in 2002: 2 wds.
45. Canadian chanteuse Celine
46. Ireland
47. Iago's wife in Shakespearean tragedy Othello



49. Flying flickerers
52. Humdinger
54. Llama catcher
55. A famous Canadian Joe
56. "____ and Away" (1992)
59. Fall Boy link (Rock band)
60. Caffeine nuts
62. Royal adornment
64. Beatles: "____"

Down

1. Irritating fly
2. Vex
3. Whit
4. Commerce grad's letters
5. Bordeaux grape/wine
6. Spicy sauce
7. "____ business!"
8. Li'l grad-earned thingies

9. Roxy Music's Brian
10. Toronto subway station
11. Suit jacket flap
12. Counting everything: 2 wds.
13. One of Beatrix Potter's rabbits
22. Police dept. rank
24. Canadian singer The Weeknd's current hit tune off the

- 'Fifty Shades of Grey' soundtrack album: 2 wds.
25. Classic game
26. UK military fliers
27. FOX News anchor Mr. Smith, to pals
28. Yesterday: Italian
29. Smile
30. ____ seeds (Health food store purchase)
33. Suffix to 'Billion'
34. ____-for-tat
35. ____ Eireann (Lower House of the Irish legislature)
36. H.G. Wells people
37. Blue Rodeo song
39. Northwestern Ontario town, the 'Canoeing Capital of Canada'
43. MGM's motto, ____ Gratia Artis
44. At hand
48. Whale skin/blubber treat in the Arctic
49. Gradient
50. PVR remote button
51. Active
52. Uninterested
53. Lets up
55. Cut short
56. Unnerve
57. Seed's jacket
58. Transfixed
61. Judi Dench/Cate Blanchett movie, "Notes ____ Scandal" (2006)
63. Stopover accommodation

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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